

ARKANSAS QSO PARTY - 2008

SHORT FORM:

Arkansas QSO Party: CW/SSB/PSK31 sponsored by ARKAN – AA5AR; from 1400z Sept. 13 to 0600z Sept. 14; 1500z Sept. 14 to 2400z. [Weekend of Sept. 8-9; CST].

Frequencies: CW--3.550, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050; PHONE--3.980, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 145-147; PSK--3580, 7070; 14.070; 21.080; 28.120.

Categories: SO, MS, Mobile, HP, LP, QRP, S/P/C, PSK.

Exchange: RST, state or province, DX stations send "DX." (Arkansas stations exchange county.)

QSO Points: PSK--3 pts, CW--2 pts, SSB--1 pt.

Score: QSO points × AR counties (AR station count states, provinces, AR counties and DX). Mobile stations may be counted more than once per band if station has relocated into another county.

Bonus stations: TBA based on highest AR club score (25 pts per band/mode), AR ARRL affiliated club station (10 pts).

Logs due 30 days after the contest to info@arkanhams.org or mail to ARKAN – AA5AR, P O Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR 72703

1. Object: For amateurs to exchange QSO information with as many Arkansas stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 2 meter bands. Arkansas stations work everyone else.

1.1 Suggested CW frequencies

1.1.1 3.550, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050

1.2 Suggested PHONE frequencies

1.2.1 3.980, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 145-147

1.3 Suggested PSK frequencies

1.3.1 3580, 7070; 14.070; 21.080; 28.120

1.4 It is recommended that no contesting occur on national calling or guard frequencies.

2. Date and Contest Period: The Arkansas QSO Party operating times are from 1400z Sept. 13 to 0600z Sept. 14 and from 1500z Sept. 14 to 2400z.

2.1 All stations may operate the entire contest period.

3. Entry Categories: (Non-Arkansas and Arkansas)

Non-Arkansas stations compete only against non-Arkansas stations.

Arkansas stations compete only against Arkansas stations.

3.1 Single Operator: (9 categories)

3.1.1 QRP. (Up to 5 watts output power)

3.1.1.1 Mixed Mode (Phone, CW, digital).

3.1.1.2 Phone only.

3.1.1.3 CW only.

- 3.1.2 Low Power. (Up to 150 watts output power)
 - 3.1.2.1 Mixed Mode (Phone, CW, digital).
 - 3.1.2.2 Phone only.
 - 3.1.2.3 CW only.
- 3.1.3 High Power. (More than 150 watts output power)
 - 3.1.3.1 Mixed Mode (Phone, CW, digital).
 - 3.1.3.2 Phone only.
 - 3.1.3.3 CW only.
- 3.1.4 Mobile. (Mixed mode, up to 150 watts output power)
- 3.1.5 PSK.
 - 3.1.5.1 QRP (5 watts or less)
 - 3.1.5.2 Regular Power.
- 3.2 Multi-operator, Single Transmitter, mixed mode only. (3 categories)
For the intent of the Arkansas QSO party, Single Transmitter means only one signal may be transmitted on the air at a given time.
 - 3.2.1 QRP. (Up to 5 watts output power)
 - 3.2.2 Low Power. (Up to 150 watts output power)
 - 3.2.3 High Power. (More than 150 watts output power)
- 3.3 Youth. This is open to any licensed operator under the age of 18. Age to be determined by the opening day of the Arkansas QSO Party.
- 3.4 Club Divisions: (4 categories)
 - 3.4.1 Arkansas Club Stations (single or multi, utilizing the single club callsign)
 - 3.4.2 Non-Arkansas Club Stations (single or multi, utilizing the single club callsign)
 - 3.4.3 Arkansas Club Aggregate (individual combined scores of club members)
 - 3.4.4 Non-Arkansas Club Aggregate (individual combined scores of club members)

4. Contest Exchange:

- 4.1 Non-Arkansas stations send:
Call, RST, and US state/Canadian province/Maritime region/or 'DX'.
- 4.2 Arkansas stations send:
Call, RST, and county.

5. Scoring:

- 5.1 QSO points:
 - 5.1.1 Count one points for each complete two-way phone QSO.
 - 5.1.2 Count two points for each two-way CW QSO.
 - 5.1.3 Count three points for each two-way digital (PSK31 or RTTY) QSO.
- 5.2 Multipliers: (Count per band)
 - 5.2.1 Non-Arkansas stations: Arkansas counties (75 possible per band)
 - 5.2.2 Arkansas stations: US states/Canadian provinces (50 US/13 CAN possible per band)
 - 5.2.3 Arkansas stations: DX countries (maximum 30 per band)
- 5.3 Bonus Stations: (Count per band)

5.3.1 Winning station to be determined for high bonus by Arkansas club entries -- 25 points

5.3.2 Any Arkansas section ARRL affiliated club station -- 10 points

6. Miscellaneous:

6.1 Single operator, mixed-mode and multi-operator stations may work stations once on CW, once on SSB and once on PSK31/RTTY on each band.

6.2 All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.

6.3 No repeater contacts allowed

6.4 Mobile stations operating from Arkansas may be counted more than once per band or mode if the mobile station has relocated to another county. The intent is to activate as many counties, and this is a bonus to the mobiles who operate within the state boundaries.

7. Awards: Certificates will be awarded to:

7.1 The highest-scoring single-operator station in each category

7.2 Top multi-operator entries in each category

7.3 Top operator from each state

7.4 Additional certificates will be awarded as participation warrants.

7.5 The Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest (ARKAN) sponsors the Worked All Arkansas award.

8. Log submission:

8.1 All logs that are generated using a computer must submit an ASCII text file of the log information in ARRL file format. Paper logs in lieu of the electronic file are not acceptable substitutes. Hand written paper logs are still acceptable.

8.2 All entries for this contest must be e-mailed or postmarked by November 15, 2006.

8.3 E-mail entries only to: info@arkanhams.org. Submissions require a summary sheet with all required information (including exchange sent, category entered, power, and US state/Canadian province) and log file in ARRL file format sent as attachments to the email (see General Rules for specific file format).

8.4 Electronic files or paper logs not in acceptable ARRL format may be designated as checklogs.

8.5 Paper entries should be mailed to ARKAN – AA5AR, P O Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR, 72703.

8.6 Paper entries must be submitted on current ARRL entry forms or on a reasonable facsimile.

8.7 See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands below 30 MHz (HF)" in the November 2000 issue of QST. Where a conflict occurs between the Arkansas QSO Party Rules and the ARRL rules, the Arkansas QSO Party Rules shall take precedence.

Arkansas County QSO Abbreviations

ARKANSAS	ARK	LEE	LEE
ASHLEY	ASH	LINCOLN	LIN
BAXTER	BAX	LITTLE RIVER	LRV
BENTON	BEN	LOGAN	LOG
BOONE	BNE	LONOKE	LON
BRADLEY	BRD	MADISON	MAD
CALHOUN	CAL	MARION	MAR
CARROLL	CAR	MILLER	MIL
CHICOT	CHI	MISSISSIPPI	MIS
CLARK	CRK	MONROE	MON
CLAY	CLY	MONTGOMERY	MTG
CLEBURNE	CBN	NEVADA	NEV
CLEVELAND	CLE	NEWTON	NEW
COLUMBIA	COL	OUACHITA	OUA
CONWAY	CNW	PERRY	PER
CRAIGHEAD	CGH	PHILLIPS	PHI
CRAWFORD	CWD	PIKE	PIK
CRITTENDEN	CRT	POINSETT	POI
CROSS	CRS	POLK	POL
DALLAS	DAL	POPE	POP
DESHA	DES	PRAIRIE	PRA
DREW	DRE	PULASKI	PUL
FAULKNER	FWK	RANDOLPH	RAN
FRANKLIN	FRA	ST. FRANCIS	SFR
FULTON	FUL	SALINE	SAL
GARLAND	GAR	SCOTT	SCO
GRANT	GRA	SEARCY	SRC
GREENE	GRE	SEBASTIAN	SEB
HEMPSTEAD	HEM	SEVIER	SEV
HOT SPRING	HOT	SHARP	SHA
HOWARD	HOW	STONE	STO
INDEPENDENCE	IND	UNION	UNI
IZARD	IZA	VAN BUREN	VNB
JACKSON	JAX	WASHINGTON	WAS
JEFFERSON	JEF	WHITE	WHI
JOHNSON	JOH	WOODRUFF	WOO
LAFAYETTE	LAF	YELL	YEL
LAWRENCE	LAW	BONUS STATION	BON