

# Alabama QSO Party

First Saturday in September  
10AM CDST-Saturday Morning  
to

10PM CDST-Saturday Evening

Operate full 12 hours

That's Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

CW – PH – Mixed modes

QRP, Low and High Power

Single Op, Multi-Single, Multi-Multi

10 thru 80 Meters (No WARC Bands)

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## Overall Objectives

- Create a fun activity for individuals and clubs both in and outside of Alabama.
  - Provide an opportunity for the more experienced Hams to mentor those with less experience!

## AQP Objectives

- Alabama station make as many contacts as possible during the event (both in and out of AL).
- Stations outside of Alabama contact as many Alabama stations as possible.
  - Call CQ, stations outside of Alabama will be looking for YOU!

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## Why Operate?

- This is a wonderful local club activity! Great opportunity to introduce new people to Amateur Radio and new licensees to HF operating.
  - There are tons of new Hams looking for just a little help and encouragement to operate.
- Will improve CW and PH operating skills
- Help to improve your pile-up skills. You will become the hunted by both of those in and outside of Alabama.
- Great opportunity to start or complete a Worked All States or County Hunters awards.

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- So maybe you want to operate in the AQP, perhaps just for the heck of it!
- So where do you go from here?
  - Take a look at the rules at
  - <http://www.AlabamaQSOParty.org>
- OK, I have read the rules so now what?
  - What category should I be in?

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## Categories For Fixed Stations

- Single Operator (One Op and one transmitted signal)
- Multi-Operators (Multiple Ops and one transmitted signal)
- Multi-Multi (Multiple Ops and more than one transmitted signal)

## Power Levels

QRP=5 watts or less

Low Power=150 Watts or less

High Power=more than 150 Watts

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## Mobile Station Categories

- Single Op (No Driver)
- Single Op (With Driver)
- Multi Op (both driver and passenger assist each other operating)
- Every time you change counties, you can work all the same stations again. However, Multipliers count once per mode

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## What kind of Station do I need?

Well probably not as much as you think.

Vertical or Tribander and a 40m/80m Inverted Vee

Since most of the stations that you will be working will be in the US (or North America) you don't really need a big gun station to be competitive.

There have been several participants that have won plaques with only wire antennas.

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- So you know your category, so how do I make contacts (QSOs)?



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## How To:

- Everyone is going to be trying to work the Alabama stations.
  - Work everyone you hear (Alabama stations, Outside Alabama, DX or anybody that will give you the appropriate report.
- How to:
  - On PH: Call CQ Alabama QSO Party this is KC4HW in Geneva County
  - Give signal report and your county(4 letter abbr)
  - On CW: CQ AQP KC4HW/M GENE
    - Give signal report and county (4 letter abbr)

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## How To: (Cont)

- Work stations on every band, if you can.
- Multipliers will count only once per mode (PH or CW), but working the same station on different bands will give additional QSOs toward the total score.

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## How To: (Cont)

- Logging (Please send in your log!)
  - Computer (digital) logs preferred
    - » Cabrillo format or ADIF
    - » Use your logging program
    - » contest logging program
      - see the website for some free ones

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## Alabama Club Station Competition

There are a number of clubs that have participated with their club station or a designated club station:

- Auburn University ARC - Birmingham ARC
- Cherokee Co ARC - Drake Technical College ARC
- East Alabama ARC - Bishop State Community College ARC
- Montgomery ARC - Heart of Dixie ARC
- Russell Co Radio Club - St Clair Co ARC
- Tuscaloosa ARC - Wiregrass ARC

**So can we add your club to this list?**

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So your club does not have a station!

## No Problem!

- Get your President to designate a club member's station as the club station for the AQP.
- The club President should notify us (via Contact Us link on the AQP web site) who has been designated as the club station and who the owner is and the call that will be used.
  - Please be sure to do this before the AQP
  - Let us know who will participate
  - Make some pictures and send them to us.

# Alabama QSO Party

We Need

# YOU!

Ham Radio is a contact sport. Makes some QSOs.  
Get on the radio! Try It, this is pretty cool stuff!

Rules and Information

<http://www.AlabamaQSOParty.org>