

## **2007 ILQP Summary and Analysis** *by NM9C*

The 2007 ILQP has come and gone with 215 logs containing 34268 QSOs being submitted for scrutiny. Illinois Fixed Station operators submitted 66 logs, Illinois Portable operations had 22 entries, Illinois Mobile operators accounted for 12 logs, and, the new this year, Illinois Rover Class checked in with 4 logs. Of the 215 logs submitted 73 entrants survived the intense examination of the log checking process with no resultant penalty in their claimed scores. Special mention to N9BIL who logged and scored his 509 mobile CW contacts without an error. Twelve non-Illinois entrants made at least 200 Illinois QSOs or worked at least 75 Illinois counties to qualify for the tasty Illinois Edible Award.

The Illinois Fixed Station Class saw K9CT edging out K9ZO by less than 3300 points, 107690 to 104427. The Illinois Portable Class featured a slugfest between three operations, N9FN, KN9T and W9FGH with slightly more than 3000 points separating these three operations. When the dust settled N9FN's (N9FN, K9FN) operation from the four county borders of Cham, Doug, Edgr, and Verm triumphed with 237692 points over KN9T's (KN9T, N9GZ) Lasa, Mshl, and Putn effort with 236037 points and W9FGH's (W9FGH, K8IR, W9JJC) entry from Gree, Jers, and Mcpn which netted 234528 points. Congratulations are in order for of these three outstanding efforts.

NN9K (with KE9ER at the wheel) netted the Illinois Mobile top spot with 111010 points, followed by W9MSE (82984), N9JF (80480) and N9BIL (78386).

W9TY captured the first ever Illinois Rover Class honors with 122636 points followed by KJ9C (67603), W9HB (42000) and K9IUA (1886) who also netted a certificate for submitting the top Illinois QRP score.

WA3HAE claimed top Outside Illinois honors with 44499 points followed by N4VA (41308), and W0BH (39818) in another hard fought battle.

While there are no awards currently being issued for single mode operation, perhaps mention should be made of these efforts as there were 65 CW/digital only entries and 55 phone only submissions. In the Illinois Fixed Station Class WA9AQN led the thirteen CW only efforts with 57340 points while W9OAB's 19596 points triumphed over the remaining twenty-two phone only entrants. W9WE's 13464 CW only submission and NA9Q with 12100 points on phone topped all single mode submissions in the Illinois Portable Class. NN9K's 111010 CW points and WE9L with 6466 points on phone led the way in the Illinois Mobile Class. Outside Illinois single mode entrants were led by K5UV (29920) on CW and KB3MJ (8496) on phone.

Sixty-nine amateurs representing fifteen local clubs participated in the club competition while twenty-four eligible participants did not indicate an affiliation on

their entry. The GRVARS, with fifteen members submitting logs, led the way with 716997 points followed by ten members of the WIARC who submitted scores totaling 428689 points and two members of the Peoria Area ARC who scored 115334 points

The efforts of all of the Illinois Mobile, Rover and Portable entrants in coordinating activity and disdaining the price of gasoline succeeded in activating all 102 Illinois during the 2007 ILQP. While it is true that all Illinois counties were active, some were less active than others. The following counties had twenty or fewer contacts reported by all entrants:

<b>County</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Alexander	10	10	0
Brown	12	7	5
Jasper	13	13	0
Crawford	14	14	0
Richland	14	8	6
Fulton	15	13	2
Pope	16	16	0
Christian	18	0	18
Franklin	19	16	3
Massac	20	18	2

The following counties had twenty or fewer contacts on either mode:

Madison	118	1	117
Hancock	56	3	53
DuPage	125	6	119
Clark	153	12	141
Pulaski	22	12	10
Wabash	22	13	9
Jackson	25	19	6
Scott	23	20	3
Cass	21	21	0
Clinton	23	23	0
Lawrence	24	21	3
White	25	25	0
Cumberland	27	26	1
Hamilton	29	27	2
Johnson	30	30	0
Edward	31	27	4
Bond	32	32	0
Henderson	33	33	0
Shelby	34	28	6
Wayne	35	35	0
Moultrie	36	36	0

Montgomery	36	35	1
Morgan	36	35	1
Mercer	40	37	3
Piatt	41	37	4
Clay	46	45	1
Mason	47	38	9
Monroe	47	34	13
Perry	48	48	0
Fayette	48	46	2
Jefferson	50	48	2
Gallatin	51	50	1
Saline	54	54	0
Macon	56	54	2
Warren	61	42	19
DeWitt	66	62	4
Logan	75	75	0
Tazewell	90	88	2
Ford	103	91	12
Williamson	105	100	5
Livingston	150	141	9
Grundy	183	165	18
Menard	236	231	5

In the Illinois Fixed class K9ZO worked 64 counties. The Illinois Mobile Class ended up with NN9K and W9MSE each working 42 counties followed by N9JF with 40 counties worked. The Illinois Portable Class found K9WA working 67 counties while in the new Illinois Rover Class W9TY led the way with 41 counties worked. N4VA worked 92 counties in the Non-Illinois class narrowly edging out WA3HAE's 91 counties while DL3GA worked 53 counties.

All available bands showed at least some activity, with the breakdown as follows:

<b>Band</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Phone</b>
2	131 (.38 %)	24	107
6	56 (.16 %)	24	96
10	56 (.16 %)	22	34
15	54 (.15 %)	22	32
20	2915 (8.5 %)	1841	1074
40	16219 (47.3 %)	9288	6931
80	14734 (43 %)	8937	5797
160	73 (.21 %)	43	30

Forty meters was, as expected, the "money band", accounting for nearly half of the QSOs on both modes. Many participants remarked that they probably

should have gone to 80 or 75 meters earlier in the day as that band was outstanding. It was difficult for many IL stations to work other IL stations on any other band. Conditions on 20 were “not that bad”, but rates were generally not very high.

All fifty states, nine Canadian Provinces and over thirty-five separate DXCC countries participated in the 2007 ILQP. Unlike 2006, many stations were able to find 5 DXCC multipliers and there were seven DX entries (none in 2006).

Canadian turnout was encouraging. The number of different stations worked in the various provinces was as follows:

AB: 14 (all but one on SSB)  
BC: 6 (all SSB)  
MB: 1 (all SSB)  
NB: 3 (all SSB)  
NF: 1 (SSB)  
NS: 3 (mostly CW)  
ON: 40 (about 50/50 CW/SSB)  
QC: 4 (all SSB)  
SK: 1 (all SSB)

Also encouraging: the number of new licensees with HF privileges. There were a total of 42 KI4\*\*\* stations logged! Not so surprising: only one of them made a CW contact.

Log checking:

Once again, all paper logs received were typed into Excel by NA9Q and NB9Q, a huge task! Thank you!

There were a few logs submitted as paper logs that were originally generated with computer programs and printed and mailed. Please do NOT do this. Send the electronic file if at all possible. We'll figure out how to handle it.

Once the “master log” was created from all received logs, this file was searched for busted calls and exchanges. No additional penalties were assessed for contacts removed from the logs.

Some comments about exchanges logged are needed here. If you submit an electronic log, take a moment to look over it. Be sure there are no contacts logged without exchange information. These will receive no contact credit. If you log an Illinois contact as “IL”...no credit. If you log anything other than DX as “DX”...no credit. Once again, some latitude was given for confusion between “WHIT” and “WTSD”. The abbreviations for IL counties have remained unchanged on the summary sheet for several years, and many entrants still “get creative” with exchanges logged. In some cases, it is nearly impossible to know

what was meant. If your logging program does not use standard county abbreviations, please consider using one that does!

As in the past, the ILQP committee appreciates especially those operators who came to our state to operate as mobile, portable, and rover operators. At the risk of missing someone, thanks go to W9MSE, NY4N and AF4QB, AJ9C, WE9L and KB5IED, N9FN and K9FN, K8IR, N8XX K9OT and KB9LIE, K9DUR and KC9JMA, KJ9C and W9EEU for "coming to the party". We couldn't do it without you.

It is the hope of the ILQP Committee that each and every participant, whether they submitted a log or not, enjoyed the experience and will be back next year. It is not too early to pick your county(ies), lay out your route, ask the boss for the following Monday off and get ready for the 2008 ILQP. However; it may be too early to make sandwiches and fill the Thermos.