

## 2009 ILQP Summary by Barry Oberling, NM9C

The 2009 ILQP saw a decrease in reported activity with 224 logs received containing slightly over 28,200 QSOs (16,249 CW/Digital QSOs and 11,987 Phone QSOs). Illinois Fixed Station submission dropped from 96 logs received last year to 89 logs received this year. Illinois Portable activity shrank from 20 entrants last year to only 9 entrants this year, while Illinois Mobile operators increased slightly with 8 logs received and Illinois Rovers stayed at 3 entrants in 2009 as in 2008. Even though Non-Illinois entrants decreased from 117 to 110 this year six operators still managed to make at least 200 Illinois QSOs or worked at least 75 Illinois counties to qualify for the Illinois Edible Award. Seventy-four entrants submitted "Golden" logs by having no penalties assessed during the log checking process.

KI9A grabbed the plaque for the Illinois Fixed Station Class this year with his fine effort from St. Clair County (76860 points – 242 CW/ 248 Phone/105 Multipliers) followed by N2BJ from Will County (68478 points – 606 Phone/113 Multipliers) who also picked up the plaque for the highest raw Phone only QSO total. Certificate winners in the Illinois Fixed Station Class also include K9NR (KANK - 63800 points), AH6EZ (KANE - 53658 points), K9CS (IROQ - 47188 points), K2DRH (WTSD - 45032 points), WA9AQN (MNRD - 45024 points), W9QL (LAKE - 44660 points), NM9C (ADAM - 40800 points) and NA9Q, NB9Q, KG9W (ADAM - 36921 points).

N9FN & K9FN operating from the junction of CHAM, DOUG, EDGR, VERM won this year's Illinois Portable Class plaque with 254656 points (1192 CW/ 384/ 92 Multipliers) while KF9D & W9HB at the BOON, DEKA, OGLE, WBGO location ended up with 219264 points (1056 CW/ 172 Phone/ 96 Multipliers). The Illinois Portable single county certificate recipient was K9OT (CARROLL – 34440 points). The Illinois Portable two county line certificate winners were WR9L (FORD, LIVG - 18768 points), and W9WE (CALH, PIKE - 16400 points). The Illinois Portable 3 county line certificate winners were KC9HGW (GREE, JERS, MCPN - 41328 points), AB9QW, NG9R & KA9SCS (ADAM, HANC, SCHY - 3870 points) and K9MCE, N9LQF & W9OSI (GREE, JERS, MCPN - 1950 points)

W9MSE pounded out 564 CW contacts from 22 counties, and collected 66 multipliers for 74448 points and claimed not only the first place plaque in the Illinois Mobile Class but also the plaque for the highest raw CW only QSO total. Meanwhile N9BIL handed out 512 CW contacts from 22 counties, picking up 67 multipliers and 68608 points on his way to a second place finish in the Illinois Mobile Class and another error free "Golden Log". KJ9C operating from 16 counties made 482 CW contacts, 58 Phone contacts and ended up with 67 multipliers for 68474 points and grabbed the plaque for the highest raw Mixed Mode QSO total. The remaining certificate winners in the Illinois Mobile Class were NN9K with KE9ER (from 19 counties – 67000 points) and K9AA with NN1N and K9PG (from 13 counties – 41139 points).

The Illinois Rover Class plaque was won by K9IUA who operated from 5 counties made 61 CW contacts, 2 Phone contacts and finished with 34 multipliers and 4216 points. The

certificates for the Illinois Rover Class go to N9DT (from 11 counties – 4144 points) and N9YPN (from 9 counties – 2508 points).

W0BH from Kansas (37716 points - 127 CW/195 Phone/84 multipliers) claimed the Outside Illinois plaque by edging out the perennial winner from Pennsylvania WA3HAE (35026 points – 161 CW/100 Phone/83 multipliers). The other Outside Illinois entrants that made at least 25 Illinois contacts and claimed a certificate by submitting the highest score in their state, province or country are:

<b>Call</b>	<b>State/Province/Country</b>
AD5WI	AR
W7GVE	AZ
N6MU	CA
K0SX	CO
W1HQ	CT
KN4Y	FL
KB9YGD	IN
K4FT	KY
AA1AR	MA
K3TN	MD
WB8WKQ	MI
WA0MHJ	MN
KF0F	MO
KD0CVZ	ND
W0KT	NE
K2XE	NJ
WB2ABD	NY
W8TM	OH
AA5JG	OK
K4XU	OR
W1KDA	RI
K2SX	SC
N4DW	TN
K5LH	TX
N4MM	VA
NS9I	WI
VE1RGB	NS
VE3HUR	ON
DL3DXX	Republic of Germany
CU2JT	Azores

Eight operators claimed QRP status for the 2009 ILQP. The Illinois operator, K9ZO made 75 CW contacts, 22 Phone contacts and ended up with 53 multipliers, including the maximum 5 DXCC countries, and 9116 points. The Outside Illinois QRP certificate winner W8TM also picked up the Outside Illinois certificate from Ohio by making 127 CW Contacts and 39 Phone contacts with 64 counties for 18752 points.

Sixty-seven logs were submitted this year that indicated a CW only effort. As mentioned earlier W9MSE won the plaque for the Illinois Mobile Class as well as the plaque for the highest raw CW only QSO total with 564 CW contacts. In the Illinois Mobile Class the remaining CW only logs submitted were N9BIL (512) NN9K (500) and W9DY (106). KC9HGW's 369 CW QSOs and W9WE's 164 CW QSOs were the only CW only entrants in the Illinois Portable Class. The Illinois Fixed Station Class had 16 CW only entrants; WA9AQN led the way with 268 CW contacts followed by NM9C (255), K9OZ (205), K9XE (194) and W9ZJX (172). In the Outside Illinois Class 40 logs indicated CW only activity. K5LH led the way with 172 CW contacts followed by AD5WI (154), VE1RGB (138), KN4Y (132) and N4DW (121).

On the other side of the coin 74 logs indicated a Phone only effort which, as previously mentioned, ended up with N2BJ's Illinois Fixed Station Class 606 Phone contacts winning the highest raw Phone only QSO total plaque. Also in the Illinois Fixed Station Class W9QL had 406 Phone contacts followed by NA9Q (397), K9OQ (369) and N9LYE (346). WR9L led the Illinois Portable Class Phone efforts with 272 Phone contacts followed by the group from AB9QW (129) and K9MCE (78). N9DT's 112 Phone QSOs and N9YPN's 76 Phone QSOs were the only single mode Phone entrants in the Illinois Rover Class. In the Outside Illinois Class 33 logs showed Phone only operation, KD8IZZ led with 80 Phone contacts followed by N3ALN and W1KDA (67), W0BR and W8KNO (46), NX8G and KJ8O (42) and KF0F (39).

The traveling plaque sponsored by the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club was once again captured by GRVARS with 17 members submitting logs totaled 346653 points while 10 members of KARS submitted logs totaling 230738 points and KF9D represented the McHenry County Wireless Association with 219264 points. The WIARC had 10 members submitting logs totaling 139928 points; P.R.I.M.E. ARA's 5 members scored 119134 points and FRRL's 10 members' logs added up to 117449 points. Seventy-one amateurs represented 16 local clubs participated in this years ILQP club competition while 24 amateurs either declined or neglected to declare a local club affiliation.

While Bond, Monroe and Perry Counties failed to make an appearance in any submitted log, no logs were submitted from Clark, Clinton, Jackson, Washington or Williamson Counties for the 2009 ILQP. Following is the QSO/Mode count for all 102 Illinois counties and reflects only counties operated from by those submitting logs:

<b>County</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>CW/Digital</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Adams	963	320	643
Alexander	46	46	0
Bond	0	0	0
Boone	325	282	43
Brown	31	16	15
Bureau	55	47	8
Calhoun	120	120	0
Carroll	287	238	49

Cass	17	12	5
Champaign	865	667	198
Christian	38	30	8
Clark	0	0	0
Clay	22	22	0
Clinton	0	0	0
Coles	18	18	0
Cook	800	600	200
Crawford	22	22	0
Cumberland	32	29	3
DeKalb	328	285	43
DeWitt37		37	0
Douglas	428	332	96
DuPage	323	242	81
Edgar	397	301	96
Edward	15	14	1
Effingham	46	46	0
Fayette38		38	0
Ford	162	26	136
Franklin	50	48	2
Fulton	44	35	9
Gallatin	9	9	0
Greene	189	152	37
Grundy	85	70	15
Hamilton	38	25	13
Hancock	72	25	47
Hardin	9	9	0
Henderson	19	19	0
Henry	341	302	39
Iroquois	596	424	172
Jackson	0	0	0
Jasper	34	32	2
Jefferson	38	37	1
Jersey	184	147	37
JoDaviess	51	42	9
Johnson	39	39	0
Kane	978	374	604
Kankakee	875	348	527
Kendall	117	90	27
Knox	109	68	41
Lake	945	254	691
LaSalle	273	174	99
Lawrence	25	19	6
Lee	31	19	12
Livingston	136	0	136
Logan	60	60	0

Macon	46	46	0
Macoupin	194	156	38
Madison	136	18	118
Marion	49	49	0
Marshall	63	63	0
Mason	26	22	4
Massac66	64	2	
McDonough	70	63	7
McHenry	67	8	59
McLean	228	206	22
Menard	542	465	77
Mercer	63	63	0
Monroe	0	0	0
Montgomery	29	25	4
Morgan	61	38	23
Moultrie	68	38	0
Ogle	350	295	55
Peoria	761	263	498
Perry	0	0	0
Piatt	47	47	0
Pike	161	129	32
Pope	38	38	0
Pulaski	229	105	124
Putnam	50	50	0
Randolph	16	1	15
Richland	25	23	2
Rock Island	660	422	238
Saline	15	15	0
Sangamon	96	52	44
Schuyler	91	32	59
Scott	35	16	19
Shelby	38	38	0
Stark	20	19	1
St. Clair	1245	381	864
Stephenson	128	84	44
Tazewell	55	55	0
Union	244	68	176
Vermillion	440	332	108
Wabash	43	39	4
Warren820	58	762	
Washington	0	0	0
Wayne	25	19	6
White	41	21	20
Whiteside	491	42	449
Will	1685	172	1513
Williamson	0	0	0

Winnebago	358	315	43
Woodford	231	224	7

Besides Bond, Monroe and Perry Counties the only county that failed to show any CW activity was Livingston County while Alexander, Coles, Crawford, Effingham, Gallatin, Hardin, Henderson, Logan, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Saline and Shelby Counties evaded all submitted logs as a phone contact. Interestingly enough this is the second consecutive year with no phone activity from Alexander, Crawford, Gallatin, Hardin, Henderson, Macon, Piatt, Saline, and Shelby Counties and the third consecutive year with no phone activity from Alexander, Crawford and Henderson Counties.

In the Illinois Fixed Station Class W9QL worked 55 Counties followed by KI9A (54), N2BJ (63), K9NR (51) and K9CS (48). The Illinois Mobile Class found W9WI leading the way with 30 counties worked followed by W9MSE (28), NN9K and W9DY (26), KJ9C (24), K9AA (23) and N9BIL (22). KF9D worked 52 counties in the Illinois Portable Class followed by K9OT (48), N9FN (44), WR9L (39) and KC9HGW (27). In the Illinois Rover Class the leader was N9YPN (20), then N9DT (17) and K9IUA (8). W0BH worked 84 counties while WA3HAE worked 83, NS9I (76), K5LH and AD5WI (75) and WA0MHJ (74).

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

<b>Band</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>CW/Digital</b>	<b>Phone</b>
2	153 (<.05 %)	0	153
6	7 (<.02 %)	0	7
10	23 (<.08 %)	2	21
15	13 (>.05 %)	4	9
20	2654 (9.4 %)	1646	1008
40	14728 (52.2 %)	8333	6395
80	10656 (37.7 %)	6264	4392
160	2 (.07 %)	0	2

Even with an almost 10% decrease in logs received and a 22% decrease in total QSOs all fifty states, ten Canadian Provinces and nearly forty separate DXCC countries participated in the 2009 ILQP. It is the hope of the ILQP committee that you enjoyed your experience in this year's activity and that you will join us again next year.

Miscellaneous comments by N9JF:

Why the decrease in logs this year? Did we get too much competition from the New York and Iowa parties on Saturday? Were potential parties worn out? Why so few portable entries this year? I've been there...done that...and it's a blast!

We tried to get all 102 counties on the air this year. We really tried. At the last minute, we "lost" a mobile stalwart, NY4N, to his work schedule; however, we picked up two surprise mobiles, NN1N/K9PG as K9AA, and W9WI. These made a tremendous difference. We cannot possibly over-emphasize the appreciation due these guys and the other mobiles, especially those from out of state. Without W9MSE from Wisconsin, KJ9C and N9FN/K9FN from Indiana and K9IUA from Iowa, counties would have been scarce.

Also at the last minute, we had a flurry of recruitment that occurred in central Illinois amongst fixed stations. This is something we need to start earlier next year! There are fixed stations in almost every Illinois county; we just need to get them interested in being fantastically popular for eight hours in October! For two years running, there was not a single phone contact made from Macon County...Decatur...population 81,860?????

It was nice again this year not to have to struggle for multipliers from the Canadian Maritime provinces! Thanks again to VE1RGB for popularizing the "ILQP Maritime Blitz"!

ILQP a few years ago received some (good-natured?) criticism for being a "CW contest". This year, the QSO distribution was about 60/40 CW/Phone. Were it not for the predominance of CW contacts by mobile entries, the split would have been close to 50/50.

Several entrants mentioned that this was their first ILQP, and for some, their "first contest ever". We appreciate the fact that many made a special effort not only to operate but to submit a log for checking. Those who want details of score reductions in their logs may request same from [jfunk@adams.net](mailto:jfunk@adams.net) and I will respond as I can. It is likely that logs next year will be requested to a different e-mail address as the ARRL forwarding service apparently caught quite a few logs as "spam" or "viruses". Check the latest rules for the new submission instructions.

A log-checking note: most participants know by this time that Illinois has both a WHITE County and a WHITESIDE County. The official summary sheet has had the abbreviations for these counties (WHIT and WTSD) listed for years, and many entrants still confuse the two in their logs. In the past, including this year, these logging errors have received a "pass" with no penalty; this may change in 2010. Be careful that you log what you receive!!!