

Announcing the 2007 Illinois QSO Party...

Sponsored by The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Date/Time: 1700Z October 21 until 0100Z October 22, 2007

Bands: 160 through 2 meters, excluding 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters.

Special band activity times: IL stations are encouraged to spend some time on 20 meters in the early afternoon to work DX stations seeking IL counties and to check 15 meters and 10 meters at 1800Z, 1900Z and 2000Z.

Exchange: IL stations give RST and county; others give RST and state, province, or country.

Scoring: Count 1 point per phone QSO, 2 points per CW/digital QSO. No repeater QSOs. Stations may operate only one transmitter at a time. Stations may be worked once per band and mode (phone and CW/digital), and once per band/mode/county for IL Mobile and Rover stations. Each Mobile or Rover vehicle is considered one station and must use only one call. Contacts with/by stations at the border of 2 counties count as 2 counties and 2 QSOs; the border of 3 (or 4) counties count as 3 (or 4) counties and 3 (or 4) QSOs. IL stations multiply points by the sum of states, IL counties, VE provinces, and a maximum of 5 DXCC countries (W/K and VE included). Count additional DX as points but not multipliers. Non-IL stations multiply points by number of IL counties worked.

Entry Classes:

Illinois Fixed Station: Permanent station location, single county.

Illinois Portable: Not a permanent station location; antennas erected for the purpose of the contest; may be on a county line or corner.

Illinois Mobile: Station capable of motion while operating though may be stationary. *Entrants are encouraged to utilize a separate driver and to choose operating procedures with safety uppermost in mind!* **Change for 2007:** Mobile entrants may operate from only one county at a time. Simultaneous operation from more than one county will result in reclassification to "Rover" category.

Illinois Rover, New for 2007: Stations operating from more than one non-permanent location. Single county, county line and county corner operation is permitted. Any time type of mobile or portable antennas may be used. Any power source may be used (auto, generator or commercial mains). Rover stations may operate while moving or stopped.

Outside Illinois: Any fixed, portable or mobile station operating from outside the state of Illinois.

Note: All entrants should state in their summaries if they are QRP (5 watts or less at all times).

Awards: Plaques will be awarded to the highest-scoring IL Fixed Station, IL Mobile, IL Rover, IL Portable, and Outside Illinois station. Illinois Club Competition: Illinois entrants are encouraged to include the name of their local club on their entries. A traveling plaque sponsored by the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club will be given for the top IL club score. Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 IL Fixed Stations, the top 5 IL Mobiles, the top 5 IL Rovers, the top 5 IL Portables, the top IL and Outside Illinois QRP scores, and the highest score (reporting at least 10 IL contacts) in each state, province, and country. Any Outside Illinois operator who makes at least 200 IL QSOs or works at least 75 IL counties will receive an 'Illinois Edible Award'.

Logs: All entrants who use computerized logging are asked to submit logs electronically.

Electronic logs: Cabrillo format is preferred. Those using a program that does not produce a Cabrillo submission should contact the contest sponsors concerning acceptable formatting. Logs should be sent as e-mail attachments to n9jf@arrl.net .

Paper logs: Log shall indicate entrant's QTH, the band and mode, UTC, the call of the station worked, RST sent and received, and the state, province, IL county, or DX country. New multipliers must be marked in the log. Any station with over 100 QSOs must submit a dupe sheet. Mobile and Rover entries send dupe sheet only for counties from which you make 100 or more contacts. Paper log submissions must be accompanied by an ILQP summary sheet (can be downloaded, printed from the website or requested from the sponsor **with SASE**). Paper logs should be mailed to WIARC, P.O. Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132.

Logs that do not comply with submission requirements will be classified as Check Logs and will not be eligible for awards.

Submission deadline: Electronic logs must be received and paper logs postmarked by November 22, 2007. A list of logs received will be posted to the ILQP Reflector prior to the deadline. Electronic logs received will be acknowledged by return e-mail. Entrants assume responsibility for contacting the event sponsor if they do not receive confirmation or their call is not included in the "logs received" listing.

Disqualification: Entries may be disqualified if the rules of the Illinois QSO Party are not followed. An entry may also be disqualified if the ILQP Committee determines that the station was operated in a manner contrary to the spirit of the ILQP. The decision of the Illinois QSO Party Committee shall be final.

Rules, summary sheet, and other information are available for download at <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2007.html> .

You are invited to join the ILQSO email reflector at <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/ilqso> .