

Announcing the 2014 Illinois QSO Party...

Sponsored by The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Date/Time: 1700Z October 19 until 0100Z October 20, 2014

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, Alaska, Hawaii and VE *excluded*). 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: Stations 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!* 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: Stations operating from more than one non-permanent location. Single county, county line and county corner operation is permitted. Any 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.

QRP Competition: A QRP entrant shall certify that operation was with 5 watts or less at all times by checking the QRP box in the Entry Class column on the summary sheet. QRP stations should also indicate an Entry Class. QRP competition is independent of Entry Class.

Awards:

Plaques will be awarded to the highest-scoring IL Fixed Station, IL Mobile, IL Rover, IL Portable, and Outside Illinois station. Plaques will also be awarded, regardless of entry class or station location, to the station reporting the highest raw Phone only QSO total, the highest raw CW only QSO total and the highest raw Mixed Mode QSO total. (Note: Illinois county line or county corner QSO multipliers do not apply for the raw QSO awards.)

Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 IL Fixed Stations, the top 5 IL Mobiles, the top 5 IL Rovers, the top IL and Outside Illinois QRP stations, and the highest scoring station (reporting at least 25 IL contacts) in each state, province, and country. Certificates will be awarded to the top 3 IL single county Portables, the top 3 two county line Portables, the top 3 three county line Portables and the top 3 four county line Portables.

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 aggregate score.

Illinois Edible Award: 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: Entrants who use computerized logging programs are required to submit logs in electronic format. *Do not* submit a computer printed log from a logging program without also submitting the electronic file (i.e. Cabrillo file) as the scoring and verification process starts by transferring all log data into a master Excel file. Hand written paper logs which are accompanied by a completed ILQP Summary Sheet will be accepted for manual transcription by the Committee.

Electronic logs: Cabrillo format is preferred. Those entrants using a program that does not produce a Cabrillo file for submission should contact the ILQP Contest Committee concerning other acceptable formats. Electronic logs should be sent as an e-mail attachment to n9jf@arrl.net. Participants without e-mail access wishing to submit an electronic log should send the Cabrillo file on a DOS formatted 3-1/2 inch floppy disk or 5 inch CD-ROM by mail. Disks should be mailed to WIARC, P.O. Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132. Disks will not be returned unless accompanied by an SAE with sufficient return postage.

Paper logs: A paper log may be hand written and must indicate the 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. By submitting a hand written log, entrants agree to accept the Committees interpretation and transcription of the log data. 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 a properly completed ILQP summary sheet. Paper logs should be mailed to WIARC, P.O. Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132.

A log that does not comply with submission requirements may be classified as a Check Log and will not be eligible for awards.

Submission deadline: Logs sent by e-mail must be received by and logs sent by mail must be postmarked by midnight (CST) November 19, 2014. A list of all logs received will be posted to the ILQP Reflector prior to the deadline. Electronic logs received by e-mail will also be acknowledged by return e-mail. Entrants assume responsibility for contacting the event sponsor if they do not receive confirmation or if their call is not included in the "logs received" listing.

Disqualification: Participants are expected to follow good Amateur practices and operate within the restrictions of their license and in accordance with ILQP Rules. Compelling evidence to the contrary may serve as grounds for disqualification. 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/ILQP2014.html>.

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