

Announcing the 2008 Illinois QSO Party...

Sponsored by The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Date/Time: 1700Z October 19 until 0100Z October 20, 2008

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: 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.

Awards:

Plaques will be awarded to the highest-scoring IL Fixed Station, IL Mobile, IL Rover, IL Portable, and Outside Illinois station. ***New for 2008:*** Plaques sponsored by Bob, AB9DU, 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. *New for 2008:* 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: All entrants who use computerized logging are requested to submit logs in electronic format. Please do not submit computer printout from a logging program without also submitting the electronic file (i.e. Cabrillo file) as the sponsors scoring and verification process starts by transferring all log data into a master Excel file. Only *hand written* paper logs will be accepted and manually entered by the Committee members unless prior arrangements are made with the sponsor.

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 acceptable formatting. 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.

Paper logs: A paper log shall be hand written and 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. 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: Logs sent by e-mail must be received and logs sent by mail must be postmarked by November 20, 2008. 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/ILQP2008.html>.

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