



Records - 2004 Minnesota QSO Party

WOW! What a contest. The record turn out for the 2004 Minnesota QSO Party resulted in many new record scores being set. Seven of the ten operating categories had their previous record broken. Additionally there are 47 new county, state and province record scores set.

Starting with the most popular category, the low power division, both Minnesota and US / VE records were broken. Rich, N0HJZ, managed to finally beat Bill, AC0W, and set a new Minnesota Low Power record score in the process. This is the fourth year in a row a new record has been set in this category. We look forward to the annual battle between Rich and Bill to see whether one of them can break the record again, or maybe an unforeseen station will sneak in and beat the two of them. Mike, KS0T, was a close third and my sneak ahead of the two next year.

In the US / VE Low Power Category, Tom, N2CU, reclaimed the record score from Jeff, NY4N. Tom held the record the three years before Jeff.

Another popular category is the Minnesota Mobile. This year Jerry, W0GXQ managed to take the record score away from Jeff, W9MSE, who has held the MN Mobile record score since the return of the MN QSO Party. Jeff unfortunately was not able to operate mobile this year. I can see Jeff planning for next year already on how he can reclaim holding the record score in this category.

In the other categories, Twin Cities FM Club station W0EF broke their previous record score in the MN Multi-Operator category by roughly 20%. As this group of operators gets more contest experience we expect the record to continue to fall. In the Minnesota Club competition, Northern MN DX Association broke their previous record by about 15%. Rounding out the Minnesota categories, Bruce, W9FZ, set a new mark in the VHF category that may be next to impossible to break. Finally in the US / VE High Power Category Paul, N4PN, broke W0AIH, Paul, record of last year. W0AIH is another who has held the record since the return of the QSO Party. Paul decided to have a different challenge and operate low power this year.

Records are also kept by county, state and province for each single op power category. As mentioned early, 47 new county, state and province records were set this year. Five new QRP records were set in the following entities: Sherburne County by Jim, N0UR, Georgia by NA4BW, Ohio by W8TW, Wisconsin by N9NE, and Ontario by VA3DF. There are six new high power records set in the following states: Florida by N4PN, Ohio by AD8P, South Carolina by KG4ZNQ, Texas by W5RQ, Virginia by W3BP, and Washington by K9JF. In the low power category thirteen new county scoring records were set along with 21 new state records and 2 new province scoring records.

There are still many opportunities to set record scores in many counties and states. If you want to get your call in the record books consider a Dxpediton style operation to a county or state where no entry has been received from yet. While Jim, N0UR, had other reasons for operating from Sherburne County this year, doing so enabled him to now hold record scores in two counties.

You can see the complete list of records and a history of the ten operating categories at <http://www.w0aa.org/mnqp.htm>

Look forward to hearing and working everyone in the 2005 Minnesota QSO Party.

73's - Bill AC0W

Minnesota QSO Party All Time Records

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Category	Station	Year	Score	CW Q's	SSB Q's	Total Q's	Mults	Notes
MN QRP	NØUR	2003	40,581	196	109	305	81	
MN Low Power	NØHJZ	2004	76,850	147	431	578	106	
MN Mobile	WØGXQ	2004	104,036	839	0	839	62	
MN Multi-Operator	WØEF	2004	24,874	0	365	365	65	
Minnesota Club		2004	150,512	Northern Minnesota DX Association				
MN VHF	W9FZ	2004	8,296	139	210	349	17	
USA / VE QRP	N9NE	2003	14,520	90	62	152	60	
USA / VE Low Power	N2CU	2004	26,532	176	50	226	66	
USA / VE High Power	N4PN	2004	23,168	145	72	217	64	
DX	DL5ME	2003	140	9	2	11	7	