



Records - 2006 Minnesota QSO Party

As I worked on updating the scoring records of the Minnesota QSO Party seeing record after record not only broken but completely annihilated, I thought activity had to increase significantly this year. Then I read Mark's write-up only to see that the number of submitted logs was roughly equal to last year. Well then I thought those people were a lot more effective and made a lot more contacts this year. While this may be true, Mark reported the number of valid two way contacts increase roughly only 10%.

To see records shattered and increased by up to 779% you know the operators were being much more effective in making their contacts. Even the popular LP categories saw their records increase by 18% for USA/VE and 64% for Minnesota. For me it was really exciting to watch the records fall as I was updating the file.

This year five of the eleven operating categories had their previous record broken. We also saw 42 new county, state, province and DX record scores set. This is almost equal to last year for the number of new records set. Don't worry there are still plenty of opportunities to set a new scoring record. Many counties and states are still waiting for someone to even set a record in their area.

In the Minnesota Low Power Category, Steve, KØSR, broke the 100K mark for the first time in this category on the way to setting the new record. At the same time he broke his old Dakota County record by a whopping 220%. Steve is a new comer to the MN Low Power Records box. Honorable mention goes to Ron, NØAT, for his second place finish which also topped the old record score for this category. This makes six years in a row a new record has been set in this category.

In the US / VE Low Power Category, Tom, N2CU, managed to increase his previous record he set last year by 18%. I believe Tom wants to make sure the competition knows who is the king in this category. This is the fifth year in a row a new record was set in this category, and third year in a row that Tom has been the one to set it.

The most hotly contested category, the Minnesota Mobile Category, Scott, NE9U, made the trip from Wisconsin with a new driver to break the two year old record. Scott's son filled in for his regular driver, who was recovering from surgery. Activating 23 counties in the process certainly helped Scott in his record setting adventure. We also see that this category is approaching the 1,000 Q mark, with the 951 Q's that Scott made. The mobiles certainly added to the excitement of the contest and they are adding excitement in the records and finish even after the contest.

The other major category to have a record set is the USA/VE High Power Category. Mike, K9NW, increased his record set last year by 28%. Mike is no strange to MWA and Minnesota contesting with his roots from this area.

Records are also kept by county, state, province and by DXCC country for each category. As mentioned early, 42 new county, state, province and DX records were set this year. They break out as follows: MN QRP - 1; US/VE QRP - 7; MN LP - 10; US/VE LP - 13; US/VE HP - 6; DX - 3; MN Multi-OP - 2.

Finally, three new DX Country records made it into the record books. They were set in Kaliningrad by RK2FWA, Romania by YO4ATW, and Hungary by HA2MN.

Of the 46 new records set, 14 were people breaking their previous record. We also had 9 new records set in counties, states and countries that never had an entry before. One individual only made 6 QSO's to achieve this. As you can see, sometimes it does not take much to set a new record. Better yet, there are still many opportunities to set record scores in all the different entities and categories. Why don't you pick an entity/category that is blank right now and see if you can make it in the record books..

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

Look forward to hearing and working everyone in the 2007 Minnesota QSO Party.

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 Mobile	NE9U	2006	106,512	951	0	951	56	
MN Low Power	KØSR	2006	129,056	396	392	788	109	
MN QRP	NØUR	2005	54,700	246	55	301	100	
MN Multi-Op	WØEF	2006	32,949	147	229	376	63	
Minnesota Club		2005	231,568	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	2006	50,713	295	21	316	83	
USA / VE High Power	K9NW	2006	51,852	294	8	302	87	
USA / VE Multi-Op	N4PN	2005	30,569	160	77	237	77	
DX	DL3GA	2005	4,032	56	0	56	36	