

Guidelines for a successful MNQP Operation

Basics

- Contest runs from 8 AM to 6 PM, first Saturday of February
- You can operate as much or as little as you want
- Paper logs or free software MNQP Logger www.w0aa.org/mnqp logging software link on left side
- HF Bands - 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, & 10 Meters
- Suggested Frequencies
 - CW - 1.850, 3.550, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050
 - SSB - 1.870, 3.850, 7.250, 14.270, 21.350, 28.450
- Modes - SSB & CW
- Categories - Mixed Mode or Phone Only (see rules)
- Power Limit - 100 Watts
- EXCHANGE
 - SEND - NAME & County
 - RECEIVE - Name & County or State/Province
 - No signal report or serial #
- Many mobiles will have APRS - track on www.w0aa.org/mnqp
- Packet spotting allowed
 - www.dxspots.com
 - <http://www.dxspots.com/WebCluster/dx.asp>
 - <http://ch.w6rk.com/>
 - No self spotting
- Stations can be worked once per band and mode
 - Can work station on 40 CW & 40 SSB
 - Can work station 12 different times
 - Mobiles this resets for each county they are in

QUESTIONS - ac0w@arrl.net

CHECK www.w0aa.org/mnqp for more information and details

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Operating

- Where the action is
 - Early in the day most operation 80 & 40
 - Mid day 40, 20 & 15, 10 if open
 - Late afternoon 80, 40, 20
 - End of day mostly 80
- CALL CQ a lot - PEOPLE WANT TO WORK YOU
 - Phone - CQ the Minnesota QSO Party de CALL CALL repeat once
 - CW - CQ MNQP de CALL CALL MNQP
 - On CW stay +/- 5 kHz from .050 so people can hear mobiles
 - Do not append call with /County, reserved to indicate mobile
- Slow periods 1 QSO every 2-4 minutes
 - Tune for mobiles on CW
 - Tune for stations calling CQ Minnesota
 - Change bands
- Do not exchange extra information as it wastes time, i.e. don't send signal report unless asked.
- Listen for other QSO Parties & events that day
 - Vermont QSO Party
 - <http://vtqsoparty.westriverradio.org/>
 - Exchange RST & STATE (they send county)
 - Delaware QSO Party
 - www.fsarc.org
 - Exchange RST & STATE (they send county)
 - British Columbia QSO Party
 - <http://www.orcadxcc.org/bcqp.html>
 - Exchange RST & STATE (they send BC district)
 - 10-10 SSB Winter Contest
 - www.ten-ten.org
 - Exchange Call, Name, State & 10-10# if you have one
 - FYBO CW QRP
 - www.azscqrptions.com
 - Exchange RST, STATE, NAME, POWER & TEMP inside

Finish

- SEND YOUR LOG IN
 - If you used logging program send electronic file
 - They want Cabrillo file
 - Paper logs have address