



Tennessee QSO Party 2014



Yet another TNQP has come and gone. I'm afraid activity was down a bit this year. We have 18,610 QSOs reported. We're going to push hard to activate all 95 counties in 2015. The chase for the USA-CA (USA Counties Award) drives quite a bit of QSO Party activity.

K1GU arranged for the ARRL Centennial W1AW road show to stop in Tennessee during the QSO Party. W1AW/4 was a second bonus station, on the same basis as K4TCG. The operation proved very popular, making more than 1,200 QSOs and breaking the old TNQP score record. (however, K4TCG did even better)

This year, all QSOs counted for three points regardless of mode. Some entrants' software didn't yet reflect this change. Most operators weren't aware that W1AW would be a bonus station until after the contest. For those two reasons, 62% of entrants will find their actual score below is higher than the score they claimed. Our two Japanese entrants worked one QSO each and claimed three points. However, in both cases that one QSO was W1AW – and their scores were increased to 103.

23% of entrants got it exactly right. Their claimed scores will match their scores below. 14% will see score reductions. The largest reduction was 20% but nearly all reductions were of less than 7%. You'll lose a QSO if the QTH you log disagrees with what the other station sent. You'll also lose a QSO if someone else claims to have worked you and we find a call very similar to his in your log at the same time & on the same band and mode. For example, one entrant claimed a QSO with "KE4ZS" in Davidson County at 1827z on 40 phone. We have a log from K4EZS. Mark is in Davidson County. And he claims a QSO with the entrant in question at 1827z on 40 phone. Mark gets the points, but the QSO has been scratched from the other log.

12,535 CW QSOs were reported; that's almost exactly 2/3 of the total. The other third was of course on phone. I'm afraid only 27 digital-mode QSOs were logged. As with past years, 40 meters is the "money band" with 60% of activity. 23% was on 20 meters, and 14% on 80. 2.6% of activity was on 15. A handful of QSOs were made on 160, 10, and VHF. Tennessee participants worked 42 DXCC Entities on all six continents. All fifty states were worked, although W4UT was the only entrant lucky enough to find North Dakota! 83 of the 95 counties made it into logs. Eight of Canada's ten provinces were worked.

We have our first million-point score. This year's K4TCG operation starring AA4NU, K4RO, K4UU, and WF7T broke the multi-op high-power mixed mode record, and the seven-figure barrier. W4JUJ broke their own multi-op low-power phone mark. N2WN broke his own score record in the mobile QRP CW category. And first-time entrant WN4AFP broke the single-op low-power phone record.

And now, the numbers. A = Award (P in this column means Plaque). R = TQP record score. 1 = First-time entrant.



Tennessee entries:

Single-op, high power, CW:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K9IL	188,544	382	164	600	√		
W4NZ	131,809	279	157	400	√		
NA4K	46,092	159	96	300	√		

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K4EVS	17,772	104	56	300			√
AB4GG	12,834	93	46				
AC4G	6,638	58	37	200			
WA4PTZ	6,222	61	34				√
NY4S	5,151	49	33	300			
KJ4KKD	3,345	35	29	300			
KA5VZG	1,511	23	19	200			

Single-op, high power, phone:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
W4KW	166,830	455	122	300	√		
W4ODB	4,558	42	33	400	√		
W4BCG	570	10	9	300	√		

Single-op, low power, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
W9WI	240,220	440	181	1,300	P		
N8FF	159,732	356	149	600	√		√
W4DAN	121,344	308	131	300	√		
NS2X	119,894	297	134	500	√		
N4ARO	111,652	276	134	700	√		
W4DTA	46,098	197	78				√
WX4ET	27,272	141	64	200			√
N4DW	21,080	120	58	200			
KV4MO	11,632	72	52	400			
W4BK	6,816	56	37	600			
WB3JKQ	6,548	56	36	500			
K4DXV	2,974	33	26	400			
KS4X	2,432	28	23	500			
N2BFD	1,334	21	18	200			
AA3VA	540	15	12				

Single-op, high power, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
N4VV	302,158	507	198	1,000	P		
K4EDI	196,186	447	146	400	√		
NS4X	50,770	230	73	400	√		
NA4C	15,242	83	58	800	√		
WD8RYC	12,645	73	55	600	√		
AA4DD	9,650	61	50	500			√
K4BP	2,270	30	23	200			

N4VV wins a plaque for 1st place, single-op, high power.

Single-op, low power, CW:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K4LTA	208,878	406	171	600	√		
W4UX	109,147	281	129	400	√		
W4TTM	98,112	286	114	300	√		
WY7I	72,600	241	100	300	√		√
KC4ZPB	1,720	22	20	400	√		

W9WI wins a plaque for 1st place, single-op, low power.

Single-op, QRP, CW:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
KW4JS	3,872	34	36	200	√		

Single-op, low power, phone:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
NE4TN	201,952	534	126	100	√	√	
AK4UK	24,692	112	72	500	√		
AJ4GY	23,990	122	65	200	√		
AI4DB	21,750	110	65	300	√		√
WA4JA	20,512	108	63	100			

Single-op, QRP, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
N4NA	131,076	332	131	600	P		
W4UT	88,636	258	114	400	√		

N4NA (opr. NB4M) wins a plaque for 1st place, single-op, QRP.

Mobile, multi-op, low power, CW:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
N4ZZ	551,966	1,174	153	13,100	√		
NY4N	244,372	672	117	8,500	√		

N4ZZ operators: AD4EB, N4ZZ, KI4HVY

NY4N operators: NY4N, AF4QB

Mobile, single-op, low power, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
KG4VBK	5,611	53	29	1,000	√		

Mobile, single-op, QRP, CW:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
N2WN	36,894	179	62	3,600	√	√	

Multi-op, high power, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K4TCG	1,101,700	1,360	270	100		√	
W1AW/4	977,284	1,248	261	100			√

K4TCG operators: AA4NU, K4RO, K4UU, WF7T

W1AW operators: K1GU, KM4CMN, NA4K, W4HZD, W4PV, W4VAB, W5MX

Mobile, single-op, low power, mixed mode:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
W4SIG	162,241	483	109	4,300	P		

W4SIG wins a plaque for 1st place, single-op, mobile.

Multi-op, low power, phone:

Call	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
W4JUU	156,791	411	127	200	√	√	
NR4CW	35,987	151	79	200	√		√

W4JUU operators: W4JUU, WA4NIV

NR4CW operators: NR4CW, K4JFM, K4JHP



Out-of-state entries:

High power, CW:

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
VE3KZ	ON	30,354	114	87	600	P		
VE2FK	QC	8,128	56	46	400	√		
VE9AA	NB	7,914	53	46	600	√		
AA4CF	GA	5,192	46	34	500			√
NS9I	WI	3,350	35	30	200	√		
W2UDT	NJ	1,468	24	19	100			
W6SX	CA	147	7	7				
JA9CWJ	JA	103	1	1	100	√		√
JO7KMB	JA	103	1	1	100	√		√

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K4HAL	AL	17,082	93	58	900	√		
SP9LJD	SP	15,520	84	60	400	P		√
K4BAI	GA	15,341	97	51	500	√		
KK4TE	AL	13,300	75	56	700			√
K6MM	CA	8,390	55	46	800	√		√
WA5LOU	IN	8,203	61	41	700	√		√
K4AVX	KY	6,394	54	37	400	√		√
W0BH	KS	3,092	32	27	500	√		
UA3AGW	UA	1,838	26	21	200	√		√
HA1AG	HA	1,468	24	19	100	√		

K2DSW wins a plaque for 1st place, out-of-state, high power.

SP9LJD wins a plaque for 1st place, DX.

VE3KZ wins a plaque for 1st place, North America.

High power, phone:

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
W4ANT	SC	4,080	42	30	300	√		√
KC2PUF	NJ	1,712	24	21	200	√		√

Low power, CW:

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K5LH	TX	43,935	135	107	600	√		
K1OI	MO	23,689	97	79	700	√		
N4UC	AL	18,460	86	70	400	√		
N6MU	CA	17,610	81	70	600	√		√
KN4Y	FL	16,344	82	64	600	√		

High power, mixed mode

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
K2DSW	IA	33,808	124	89	700	P		
K4MM	FL	24,800	100	80	800	√		√

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1			
KQ3F	PA	15,700	75	68	400	√			N1RLR	MA	563	11	11	200			√			
WB0CFE	MN	14,775	75	63	600	√		√	N6ENO	CA	492	8	8	300						
K4BSK	NC	13,952	76	59	500				KK4BKD	KY	470	10	9	200			√			
W1END	NH	12,967	71	59	400	√			AE6YB	CA	368	8	7	200						
W9EBE	IL	9,850	63	50	400	√		√	AJ0CM	MN	308	6	6	200						
N3KR	PA	7,960	56	45	400				AD0JA	MO	292	8	8	100			√			
W2CVW	NJ	6,550	50	41	400	√			KB1IRB	CT	208	6	6	100	√		√			
K5TIA	TX	6,170	45	42	500			√	N1WRK	MA	175	5	5	100			√			
VA3ATT	ON	5,406	46	37	300			√	KB5DRJ	TX	148	4	4	100			√			
W9RE	IN	3,630	37	30	300	√			N6DPL	CA	103	1	1	100			√			
WA1LWS	MD	3,140	35	28	200	√		√	W7KAM	MO	48	4	4							
K9NW	OH	3,056	34	28	200				VE2AXO	QC	48	4	4			√	√			
KE2D	NJ	2,625	31	25	300				AI4QB	VA	12	2	2				√			
K7ZVY	MS	2,530	30	27	100	√			K7JNA	WA	3	1	1			√	√			
VE3LMM	ON	2,463	27	23	600			√	Low power, mixed mode:											
W3WW	FL	1,234	21	18	100			√	Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1			
W7GF	OR	1,220	16	15	500	√			N4PN	GA	48,344	163	96	1,400	P					
LY5W	LY	1,060	20	16	100	√		√	NT2A	NY	29,880	115	84	900	√					
K8FZY	OH	965	17	15	200				K4DJ	NC	18,102	94	61	900	√					
NX4N	FL	560	12	10	200			√	KM4FO	KY	17,420	94	60	500	√		√			
VE5GC	SK	532	12	12	100	√		√	AA8IA	OH	13,350	85	50	600	√					
K2HT	MO	292	8	8	100				K4FJW	VA	12,360	80	49	600	√					
KS4YX	SC	248	4	4	200			√	WA8ZBT	TX	12,224	68	56	800						
K7ULS	UT	175	5	5	100	√			W1DWA	MA	11,025	65	55	300	√		√			
PA3ARM	PA	108	6	6		√			N1CC	TX	10,950	69	50	600			√			
G3ZRJ	G	48	4	4		√			AD8J	NC	9,510	66	45	600						
									VE3TW	ON	6,428	52	38	500	√		√			
Low power, phone:									KJ4LTA	AL	5,748	52	33	600						
WN4AFP	SC	5,768	58	32	200	√	√	√	KK4HEG	NC	2,479	33	21	400						
VA3GKO	ON	5,416	44	38	400				N4JED	VA	2,439	31	23	300			√			
W1KMA	RI	2,172	26	24	300	√			K0JPL	MO	2,384	28	26	200						
KF5WFL	TX	1,118	18	17	200			√	K4RUM	NY	2,314	29	22	400			√			
KC8BTA	OH	1,055	19	15	200			√	W8KNO	OH	1,939	27	19	400						
KD4QMY	GA	914	17	14	200				KA2FHN	NY	1,850	25	18	500						
KB6OJE	TX	632	12	12	200				NV9X	IL	1,700	25	16	500						
N0ZTO	CO	563	11	11	200	√			WA3SOR	PA	1,119	21	13	300						

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
N4DLR	OH	1,098	19	14	300				WT2P	IL	430	11	10	100	√		√
N9BT	IL	1,014	17	14	300				AD0BI	MO	90	6	5		√		√
WA9LEY	IL	812	17	12	200			√	QRP, mixed mode:								
K8SIA	MI	768	13	12	300	√		√									
ND4X	KY	305	7	5	200												

N4PN wins a plaque for 1st place, out-of-state, low power.

QRP, CW:

Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	QSO	Mult	Bonus	A	R	1
KE0G`	MN	13,020	69	60	600	√			K3TW	FL	23,144	98	76	800	P		
K4VIG	GA	2,316	28	24	300	√			N4JF	AL	16,774	94	57	700	√		
									KG4IGC	SC	4,406	42	31	500	√		√
									N8OT	OH	4,404	38	36	300	√		√
									N8OCJ	OH	492	8	8	300			√

K3TW wins a plaque for 1st place, out-of-state, QRP.



Club Scores:

Tennessee clubs:

Club	Score	Members
Bristol (TN) ARC	502,382	K4EDI, N4DW, N8FF, W4TTM, WX4ET
Cleveland ARC	35,987	NR4CW
Dickson Co. ARC	15,242	NA4C

Bristol ARC wins a plaque for 1st place, Tennessee club.

Out of state clubs:

Club	Score	Members
Florida Contest Group	49,738	K3TW, K4MM, NX4N, W3WW
Georgia Contest Group	48,344	N4PN
Heart of Texas DX Soc.	43,935	K5LH
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	43,410	N1RLR, NT2A, W1END
Contest Club Ontario	42,188	VA3ATT, VE3KZ, VE3TW
Alabama Contest Group	41,290	K4HAL, N4UC, KJ4LTA
South East Contest Club	30,957	AA4CF, AD8J, K4BAI, KD4QMY
Kentucky Contest Group	23,814	K4AVX, KM4FO
Southern California Contest Club	17,610	N6MU

Club	Score	Members	Club	Score	Members
Mad River Radio Club	17,174	AA8IA, K8SIA, K9NW	John D. Kraus Memorial ARC	4,404	N8OT
Sportsman's Paradise ARC	16,344	KN4Y	Society of Midwest Contesters	4,108	W7KAM, W9RE, WT2P
SMARTS	14,775	WB0CFF	Metro DX Club	2,512	NV9X, WA9LEY
Swamp Fox Contest Group	14,502	KG4IGC, KS4YX, W4ANT, WN4AFP	Oakville ARC	2,463	VE3LMM
Bristol ARC (VA)	12,360	K4FJW	Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	2,384	K0JPL
DFW Contest Group	12,224	WA8ZBT	Tennessee Valley DX Association	2,316	K4VIG
North Texas Contest Club	10,950	N1CC	Bavarian Contest Club	1,468	HA1AG
Frankford Radio Club	9,428	N3KR, W2UDT	Wichita ARC	1,118	KF5WFL
Northern California Contest Club	9,397	AE6YB, K6MM, N6ENO, W6SX	Vytautas Magnus University RC	1,060	LY5W
Contest Group du Quebec	8,176	VE2AXO, VE2FK	Southwest Dallas County ARC	632	KB6OJE
Maritime Contest Club	7,914	VE9AA	Arlington ARC	12	AI4QB

Florida Contest Group wins a plaque for 1st place, out-of-state club.



TNQP Records:

Category	CW			Phone			Mixed		
Single-op fixed, QRP	174,584	NS2X	2011				171,726	N2WN	2011
Single-op fixed, low power	329,673	K4LTA	2011	201,952	NE4TN	2014	422,397	NA4K	2011
Single-op fixed, high power	338,836	N4DW	2013	191,534	K4OWR	2013	462,556	K4RO	2010
Multi-op fixed, QRP							165,226	N4NA	2013
Multi-op fixed, low power				104,494	W4JUJ	2014	495,040	K4TCG	2011
Multi-op fixed, high power							1,101,700	K4TCG	2014
Single-op mobile, QRP	37,520	N2WN	2014				16,420	N2WN	2012
Single-op mobile, low power	410,344	W4SIG	2011	17,320	AB4GG	2012	504,776	K4LTA	2010
Single-op mobile, high power				90,390	KJ4BIX	2011	244,648	AD8J	2013
Multi-op mobile, QRP	763	NS2X	2013						
Multi-op mobile, low power	740,312	W4NZ	2011				632,792	N4ZZ	2010
Multi-op mobile, high power									
Non-TN single-op, QRP	16,079	KE0G	2013	848	KA3UOL	2013	52,452	W0MHS	2010
Non-TN single-op, low power	65,500	KV8Q	2011	5,768	WN4AFP	2014	87,370	WB8JUI	2010
Non-TN single-op, high power	85,311	AA3B	2011	10,110	AD5WB	2012	104,802	W0BH	2010

Category	CW	Phone			Mixed		
Non-TN multi-op, QRP							
Non-TN multi-op, low power					4,582	AE6IC	2011
Non-TN multi-op, high power		608	KC9YHB	2013	61,975	N6MA	2011
Tennessee Club	1,591,687	Mobile Team West		2010			
Out of state Club	251,410	South East Contest Club		2011			

My apologies for the strange formatting of the K4TCG record. This table wasn't designed with million-point scores in mind!



Soapbox:

- **AD0BI:** 1 watt QRP portable in Warren County, Missouri.
- **A14QB:** Nice hearing from friendly Arkansas stations! (uh, Arkansas? HI! - w9wi)
- **G3ZRJ:** Glad to give out some points.
- **JA9CWJ:** Tnx contest!
- **K3TW:** Many thanks for another enjoyable TNQP. Congratulations to Team N4ZZ for providing 25% of all my QSOs, and to the other mobile stations for activating so many counties. (I echo Tom's comments! - w9wi)
- **K8FZY:** Thanks, see all in 2015.
- **K9IL:** Trying to learn the new FJP logging software
- **KE0G:** K3/10 at 5 watts to a 74' inverted vee up 57' at center, and fed with ladder line and a Matchbox tuner. Always fun to QSO the TNQP stations on CW, with your great "ears". Thanks for the Party!
- **KG4VBK:** Thanks for the fun contest!
- **KN4Y:** Started slow and noisy on CW. Storms in the area. Good mobile turnout, good to have the bonus station on CW. The W1AW operation was great. Enjoyed the party.
- **N1RLR:** Enjoyed the heck out of chasing Alan, KJ4BIX around the SW corner of Tennessee.
- **N4ARO:** Thanks to all the participants, and to the guys running the bonus stations. Great job.
- **NA4C:** Lot of fun. Nice to hear rare fixed operation from counties.
- **NS2X:** Had fun giving out "rare" Jackson County. Only problem I had was several stations, including Tennessee contesters, thought my *name* was Jack and asked what county I was from!
- **UA3AGW:** Thanks for nice activity and new Tennessee counties. Sorry but no conditions on 15m in European Russia due to late start. First time in TNQP!
- **VE3KZ:** Nice to meet so many of the TCG gang at Dayton this year.
- **W1END:** Rig was FTdx5000 (150w) and Butternut HF6V all-band vertical. Great activity this year – mobiles and fixed stations.
- **W2UDT:** Only got on Sunday – my fault! That probably means I missed the last 2 counties I need; Hancock and White. So, CU next year! (If you'd been on Saturday you wouldn't have found us HI, the TNQP is Sunday only. KV4MO was active from White County. Seven stations claimed QSOs with W7CWE in Hancock County, but he didn't send in a log. - w9wi)
- **W4ODB:** Had lots of fun, see 'ya next year.
- **W7KAM:** No time this year to really work the QSO Party.
- **W8KNO:** Tennessee is one of the harder states to work from my QTH. Thanks to everyone I worked, five new counties.
- **WB3JKQ:** Activity seemed light.
- **WN4AFP:** This was my first TNQP! 40M was great between South Carolina and Tennessee. (a pretty good first effort, Dave broke the low-power phone record! - w9wi)
- **WT2P:** Good fun in this contest! Radio is a KX3 with a Buddistick vertical. Thanks to all who pulled out my weak signal!



Notes from the logchecker:

I've given up on getting people to log their DX QSOs with the QTH as DX.. In this year's entries, where "DX" appeared in the multiplier column, I replaced it with the prefix of the entity involved. Nobody lost any points that way in 2014.

People did lose QSOs (and bonus points) by logging K4TCG in the wrong county. Remember: log what you hear – not what your computer says you heard last year!

Please keep an eye on the Logs Received tab on the www.tnqp.org website. This year we had one log that was sent simultaneously to 3830scores.com and to logs@tnqp.org. It arrived at 3830 – but never arrived in our mailbox. If your call appears under Logs Received, it means we've successfully processed your log. If it doesn't appear... drop us a line. We'll find out why & make sure your log gets counted.

Thanks for the logs!



NU hold the TCG banner at 2014's K4TCG operation.

KG4VBK, just inside a rare one!

Tennessee QSO Party 2015 will be held on September 6th. See you there!