

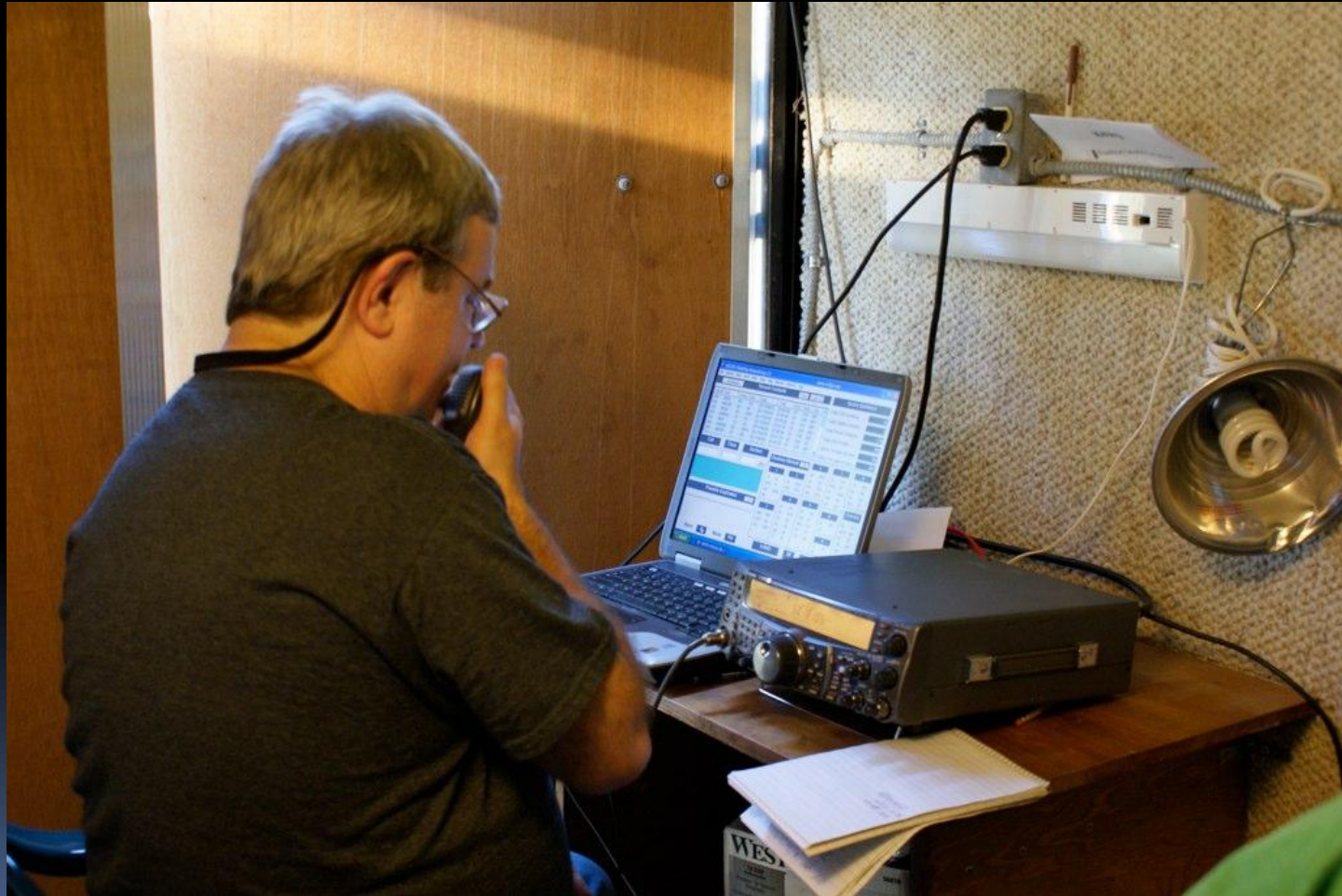
It is Party Time!

THE SOUTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

Our State Needs You!



The Big Day is Sept. 19th



Contest Period

- It begins at 10:00 am (14:00 UTC) Saturday Morning, September 19th



Contest Period

- And Ends at 11:00 pm (03:00 UTC) Saturday night (Technically Sunday Morning)



Working the Whole Event Is Not Necessary

- Just work as many stations as you can during the contest period.



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- For operators outside of SC, they want to work as many SC stations in our 46 counties as possible.

How?

- Working a mixture of modes is encouraged but, the one you feel most comfortable with is fine.



You May Use More Than One Mode

- For Example: W₄CRN – JP, may do digital in the morning, and then switch to voice in the afternoon, then CW later in the event. It does not matter. He would be a **mixed mode entry**.



Why Should I Participate?

- To have fun and gain operating and contesting experience



What About The Rules?

- Google “SC QSO Party” for the event web page.



Modes

- Most participants will be working SSB (voice) on all bands.



What Bands Do I Work?

- The "Usual Suspects."

6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160.



Remember

- Technician Class Hams Are Allowed to Work 10 and 6 Meters!



SC County Information

- The Party Web Page Has A Listing of The County **Designators** at The Bottom of The Rules Page.

For Example

- Abbeville – ABBE Aiken – AIKE Allendale – ALLE
- Anderson – ANDE Bamberg – BAMB Barnwell – BARN
 - Beaufort – BEAU Greenville – GVIL York – YORK
- Oconee – OCON Richland – RICH McCormick – MCOR
 - etc

What Is The Exchange?

- For SSB, SC Stations would give a signal report and then the **County Designator**.
i.e. 59 Oconee - OCON



Digital/CW Exchange

Naturally, for Digital and CW , the exchange could be 599 and then the designator. i.e. **599 - DARL**



Voice and a Designator Example

- For Example, you are working W₁AW:
W₁AW - 59 - "McCormick" (MCOR is the County Designator for that county.)



When Someone Calls Me?

- Copy the **Call**, **Date**, **Time**, **Band**, **Mode** and the **Exchange** (Mult)

#1. **W1AW** – 9/19 - **14:05** – **20 M** - **SSB** - **CT**

This is an Example of the downloaded Logging Sheet, so make certain that your DATA is accurate

Your Call:		KS4YX			Page:	1	
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3	K4NK	9/19	14:09	6	SSB	ANDE	

Logging Exchange Example

- For SC to SC Stations via voice:

10 M 9/19 15:05 SSB KK4WJE 59 Pick (Pickens)

10 M 9/19 15:07 SSB WA5KSC 59 Gvil (Greenville)

10 M 9/19 15:08 SSB K4SX 59 Lee (Lee)

Logging Exchange Example

- For working Out -of -State or DX stations

W1AW	9/19	14:05	20M	SSB	59	Ct (Connecticut)
KS2F	9/19	14:21	10M	Dig	599	NJ (New Jersey)
N3KSG	9/19	15:25	15M	CW	599	OH (Ohio)
G8OCT	9/19	16:32	20 M	SSB	59	DX



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- There is a **PAPER LOGGING Template** under the logging software tab. Download it if you are uncomfortable using computer logging software.

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How Much Power Should I Use?

- Different power classes exist for various awards.



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- Most stations run about 100 watts.



How Much Power Should I Use?

- Run whatever power you like, but you will have to list it in your log report, and your station designator. i.e. Low Power Ocone



Power Categories Are:

- QRP is 5 Watts or Less
- Low power is 100 watts or less
- High Power is greater than 100 watts



Entry Categories

- Most stations enter as Single Operator; Fixed Station, Low Power and SSB mode.



Entry Categories

Review the Category Modes in the Rules and
Select What Is Best For You.

- i.e. Single Op – Low Power – Fixed – SSB Only



Scoring

Each station can be worked **ONCE** per **BAND**,
and **MODE** for QSO Points.

Mobile Stations can be worked more than once
provided they are in different counties.



Scoring

- i.e. You work W₁AW on 10 and 20 Meters - SSB
That counts as two contacts @2 pts each for 4
points.



Voice Point Value

- Each SC to SC contact counts as 1 point.
- Each SC to Out of State contact counts as 2 points

CW/Digital Point Value

- Each CW/Digital SC to SC counts as 2 points
- Each CW/Digital Out of State Contact counts as 4 points

Point Multipliers

- Each State and County entity counts as a **Multiplier** only ONCE PER MODE – not band as in most contest.



Bonus Stations

- Special Event Calls to Work For Extra Points
- **W₄CAE (Columbia ARC) +500 points!**
- **WW₄SF (Swamp Fox Station) +350 points!**



Your Final Score

- Your Total QSO Points X Multipliers + Bonus Points

- Example:

30 SSB Contacts from SC = 30 points

25 SSB Out-Of-State Contacts = 50 points

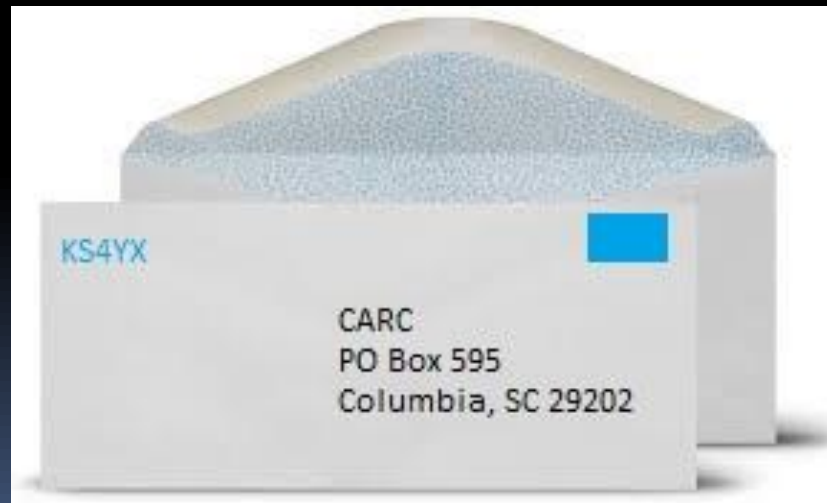
20 Multipliers = $80 \times 20 = 1,600$ points

1 Bonus WW₄SF = 350 points

Total Score : $1,600 + 350 = 1,950$ Contest Points

Submitting Your Score

- The Web Page Has Instructions On How To Submit Your Score
- It Can Be Done Electronically or Via “Snail Mail”



Awards

- There are various awards and certificates available for your effort.
 - EXAMPLES INCLUDE
- In State – Single Op – Single Transmitter – SSB Only - QRP Power
- In State – Single Op – Single Transmitter – Digital Only –QRP Power
- For Out-Of-State There Are Many Varied Categories



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- 4. All stations “need” to work you for points.

Surprising Results from 2014

- Various Winner Results from 2014 Include:
- 1 Entry from Out – Of - State -Single Op - Low Power – RTTY: That Ham had 2 contacts for 4 points and won an award!

Contest Facts

- In 2014 Only 90 total logs were submitted to the contest committee!
- Only one station worked “just” RTTY!
- Only one station worked QRP Phone!
- There were 1,691 different calls in the logs that were submitted for scoring.
- There were only 26 total contacts made on 10M and none on 6M.

For Help

- Help with working this contest is available from the following Swamp Fox Contest Club Members:
 - Gil – KS₄YX
 - Steve – W₄SLT
 - Russ – W₄STR

Good Luck

