



## Virginia QSO Party

# Awards Geremony

Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club (SPARC)

http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\_QSO\_Party/QSOParty.htm

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### Appreciation



- Hams Everywhere 2005 Awards Ceremony Audience
  - For enthusiastically participating
- - Committee Members 2006 Scoring Party
    - Dick, W2YE, for rules and club station 2006 VQP Club Station K4NVA
    - Jim, AF4MO, for working County and Independent City coverage
    - Henry, K2BFY, for a scoring program
    - Ray, KD4RSL, for photographs and handling money
    - Jim, KF4PQL, for assisting with ceremony
  - All members for
    - Calling Virginia hams to foster interest
    - K4NVA operation
    - · Advice, and
    - Log scoring
- Plaque Sponsors 2006 VQP Plaque Sponsors
- Others
  - Manassas Hamfest: Offering time and space
  - Dennis, W4PWF: Emailing all hams in VA



### 2005 Awards Ceremony Audience









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## Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club (SPARC)



### A friendly club

- Meet once a month
- Sponsor the Annual Virginia QSO Party.
- Operate the U.S. 4th call area, two-letter prefix, incoming QSL Bureau.
- Participate in ARRL Field Day
- Operate a radio station at the Annual Sterling Fest to promote interest in amateur radio
- Participate in a few amateur radio contests as a club entry
- Web site: www.qsl.net/sterling



### 2006 Scoring Party





Dick, W2YE; Jim, AF4MO; Henry, K2BFY

Paper log scoring party at Gordon's QTH (NQ4K).



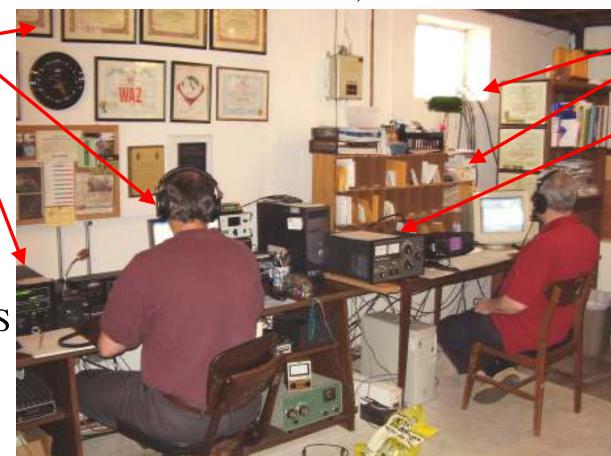


### 2006 VQP Club Station - K4NVA



### Shack of Dick, W2YE

Certificates
Heil Head-sets
Linear Amp



Antenna cablesQSO Card sorting binsLinear Amp

Gordon, NQ4K

Don, K7CS

Photog: Dick, W2YE



### 2006 VQP Plaque Sponsors



High Virginia Single Operator	Winchester Amateur Radio Society
High Virginia Mobile	Kevin Stuart, W4KLS, in memory of Howard Stuart, W2VWK(SK)
High Virginia Club Combined Score	Vienna Wireless Society
High Single Operator VHF Only	Sterling Park ARC
High Virginia QRP	Northern Virginia QRP Club
High Outside Virginia QRP	Dave Williams - K7HMP
High Single Operator Outside Virginia	Alexandria Radio Club, W4HFH
High Single Operator Novice/Tech	Central Virginia Contest Club (CVCC)
High Single Operator CW Only	FISTS QSL Bureau
High Multiple Operator Multiple Station	Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club (SPARC)
High Multiple Operator Single Station	Rappahannock Valley Amateur Radio Club
High DX Station	North Shenandoah DX Association
High VA Counties/Independent Cities Contacted	Franklin County Amateur Radio Club
High Single Band	Vienna Wireless Society
High Virginia Single Operator Digital Mode	Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
High Outside Virginia Single Operator Digital Mode	Don Sambol - K7CS
High Virginia Single Operator Phone Only	Shenandoah Valley ARC
High Expedition	Alamance Amateur Radio Club, K4EG
High Virginia Club – Virginia QSOs Only	John Huggins, N4LRS, in memory of Linda Gay Huggins



### Topics



- Appreciation
- Planning and Execution Process
- 2006 Rules
- Meta-Analysis
- Description of Certificates
- Plaque Presentation





# Virginia QSO Party

## How We Do It The Annual Cycle



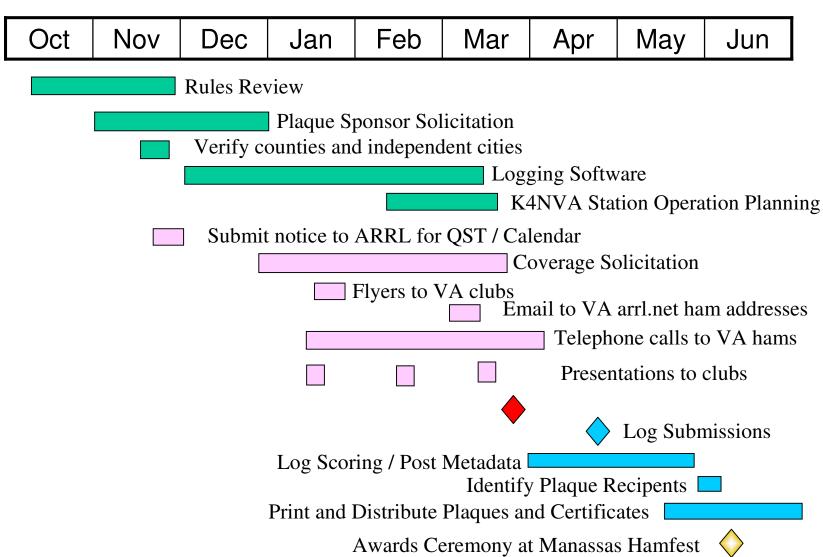
### Virginia QSO Party Schedule



basic Activities

Participation Activities

Recognition Activities







# Virginia QSO Party

### 2006 Rules



### 2006 Rules



### **Objective**

To promote amateur radio activity in the 95 Virginia Counties and 39 Virginia Independent Cities.

#### **Dates**

Saturday, 18 Mar, 1800 UTC Monday, 20 March, 0200 UTC Saturday, 18 Mar, 1300 Local Sunday, 19 Mar, 2100 Local



### 2006 Rules



### **Entry Categories**

### **Operator Categories**

Single Operator

Multi Operator / Single Transmitter

Multi Operator / Multi Transmitter

### **Power Categories**

QRP (5 watts or less)

High/Low

### **Mode Categories**

Phone (SSB/FM)

**CW** 

Digital (RTTY/PSK)

Mixed

### **Station Categories**

**Fixed Station** 

Mobile

Expedition

### **Band Categories**

Multi-Band

Single Band

### **Club Entry**



#### 2006 Rules



#### Rules

- Virginia stations work all stations.
- Out-of-State stations work Virginia stations only.
- Work fixed stations once per band/mode.
- Multipliers are only counted once,
  - i.e., contacting the same Virginia County, Independent City, State, Province or Country using a different band or mode counts only as a new QSO,
  - not as a new multiplier.
- Work Virginia Mobiles in each Virginia County or Independent City from which they operate.
- Mobiles and Fixed stations on County or Independent City lines count as one QSO and only one County/Independent City multiplier.
- No cross-mode or repeater QSO's.
- Spotting nets, DX clusters, etc., may be used to locate other stations no self-spotting permitted.
- All operators must observe the limits of their operator's license.



### 2006 Rules Exchange



- Exchange QSO number and QTH
  - (Virginia County or Independent City for VA stations;
  - State, Province or DX Country for others).
- Virginia Mobile Stations log QSO's by Virginia Independent City or County of operation.
  - Identify all QSO's with band/mode, sequential QSO number sent/received and date/time of contact in UTC.
- Please follow standard contest practices by making and responding to "CQ Virginia QSO Party" calls.
- Multiple Transmitter stations may maintain sequential QSO numbers independently for each transmitter.



### 2006 Rules Scoring



- QSO's count:
  - 1 point per Phone,
  - 2 points per CW,
  - 2 points per digital mode (RTTY, PSK31,etc.), and
  - 3 points per contact made with a Virginia Mobile (Phone or CW or Digital).
- Virginia Mobile and Fixed Stations
  - Multiply QSO points by the total number of Virginia counties, Virginia Independent cities, U. S. States (except Virginia), Canadian Provinces and DX Countries.
  - No extra DX multiplier for U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii), Virginia, and Canada.
  - Mobile stations that contact 10 (ten) or more different stations while operating from a county or independent city may claim it as a multiplier, if not otherwise worked.
  - Virginia Mobiles receive a bonus of 100 additional points for each Virginia County/Independent City from which they log a valid QSO.
- Outside of Virginia stations
  - Multiply QSO points by the total number of Virginia Counties (95) and Independent Cities (39) worked to obtain final score.
- All stations add 500 bonus points for a contact with K4NVA the club station of the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club.



### 2006 Rules Entries



- Fixed and Mobile operation will be considered separately.
  - Please submit separate logs for Fixed and Mobile operation.
- Multiple operator stations should indicate all operators by name and call sign.
- Electronic (preferred) or paper logs, summary and dupe sheets (200 or more QSO's) are required for all entries.
  - The 'dupe sheet' requirement is waived if recognized contesting software is used. Summary sheets are available at the contest web site.
  - Contestants using computer logging and reporting software are required to verify scoring and duping to ensure contest rules have been followed.
- For Club Competition purposes, be sure to indicate club name on summary sheet and log.
- Submit entries by April 15, 20052006 by mail to the VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167 or by email to models@arrl.met.
- A \$1.00 donation to help defray the costs of printing and mailing is encouraged.



### 2006 Rules Awards



- All participants submitting a log will receive a certificate.
- The Plaques to be awarded are identified on the contest web site.





## 2006 Virginia QSO Party

## Log Metadata Analysis QSO Analysis



### Log MetaData



Year	No of Logs
2006	279
2005	170
2004	138
2003	142
2002	124
2001	110

#### Extras are the norm!

### Significant increase

License Class	2005	2006
Extra	103	170
Advanced	8	17
General	32	47
Tech	11	20
Club	4	4
Other	11	21

### Hams chase propagation

Band	2005	2006
All	133	201
SB(80M)	3	6
SB(40M)	11	13
SB(20M)	4	11
SB(15M)	1	
SB(10M)	1	
SB(6M)	0	1
SB(2M)	2	24
VHF Only	15	23



### Log MetaData



### High is not as high.

Scores	2005	2006
High	803,540	523,382
Average	17,287	17,235
Median	2,964	3,990
Low	* 1	** 1

\* 3 entries \*\* 1 entry

Power	2005	2006
Hi-Low	155	260
QRP	15	19

Most hams use low-high power.

Mode	2005	2006
CW	22	39
Mixed	148	98
Phone	0	140
DG	0	2

Most hams use phone only.

No. of	0000
Operators	2006
1	263
2	8
4	5
5	1
8	2

N4NW, K4NVA, K4EG, W4CAR, W4WVP K4TS W4ML, K4M



### 2005 Log Metadata Logs from Locations *Not* in Virginia

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Location	2005	2006
AL	1	3
AR		1
BC	1	2
CA	1	3
CO		2
DE		1
FL	3	7
GA	2	6
IA	1	
IL	1	3
IN	1	4
KS		2
KY	1	2
LA	1	1
MA	2	
MD DC	3	4
MI	6	3
MN	2	1
MO	1	1
MS	1	1

Location	2005	2006
MT	1	1
NC	2	3
NE		3
NH	1	1
NJ	4	4
NY	1	2
ОН	1	3 2
OK		l
ON	3	5
PA	4	3
RI		1
QC	1	
SC	1	
SK	1	1
TN	2	6
TX	2	
WA		1
WI	2	4
WV	2	5

Location	2005	2006
Czeck Rep	1	
Germany	1	1
Hungary	1	
Netherlands	1	1
Portugal		1
Italy		1

Increased no. of states with 4 or more logs (3 to 8)

### **Location Summary**

	2005	2006	
Not VA	60	97	+62%
VA	110	182	+65%
Total	170	279	+64%



## Log Metadata Logs from Locations *in* Virginia



Location	2005	2006
ACC	1	1
ALL	1	
ALX	2	2
AMH	1	
ARL	3	4
BAT	1	1
BED	1	2
CLA	2	2
CPX	1	3
CRL		1
CUL	2	3
CVX	1	2
ESS		1
Expedition	1	4
FAU	11	14
FBX	1	1
FFX	12	12

Location	2005	2006
FLU		1
FRA	2	3
FRE	2	3
GIL	1	2
GOO	1	1
GRN	1	1
HAN	2	1
HCO	2	2
IOW	1	1
JAM		3
LAN		1
LDN	14	20
MEC		1
Mobile	24	55
MON	1	1
NEL		1
NUM	2	2

Location	2005	2006
PAG	1	2
PIT	2	
POW		1
POX	1	1
PRG	1	
PRW	2	6
PUL		1
RIC	1	
ROA	2	1
SCO	1	1
SHE		1
SMY		3
STA	2	4
VBX		7
WAR	1	1
WAX	1	
WES		1
WMX	1	



### Logging Programs



Paper	94
N3FJP's VA State QSO Party Program	73
WriteLog	24
None stated	14
N1MM Logger	14
VA QSO LOGGER	13
Manual	9
GenLog	8
Excel Spreadsheet	7
NA Version	5
K2BFY	4
TR Log POST	3
Ham Radio Deluxe	2
Gordon's Fat Fingers	2
Log-EQF	1
KI4EGT	1
ERIK MISAVAGE	1
DXKEEPER 5.3.5	1
CU2JT YALP Logger	1
Bob's Fat Fingers	1
ANDY K1RA	1



### 2005 QSO Analysis



- Based upon electronic logs only
- < 11,150 QSOs = < 22,300 contacts
- < 7,335 Non-Virginia contacts
  - $\sim 1/3$  of contacts
  - Other states, Canadian Providences, DX

Antigua & Barbuda	Argentina	Armenia	Australia
Austria	Azores	Belgium	BosniaHerzegovina
Brazil	Bulgaria	China	Columbia
Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Dem. Rep. Congo
England	France	Georgian Republic	Germany
Guyana	Honduras	Hungary	Ireland
Japan	Lebanon	Lithuania	Netherlands
Netherlands	Poland	Russia	Slovak Republic
Spain	Suriname	Svalbard Island	Switzerland
Tunisia	Turks & Caicos	Ukraine	Wales
Yugoslavia	Others I was too la	azv to type in	



### 2006 QSO Analysis



- Based upon electronic logs only
- 25,524 QSOs = 51,048 contacts

### ratio same as last year

- 16,308 Non-Virginia contacts ~ 1/3 of contacts
  - -50 of 50 states and District of Columbia
  - —10 of 13 provinces (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, New Foundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan) (missing Northwest Territories, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon)
  - DX 68 (Algeria, Antigua\_and\_Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia\_Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa\_Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech\_Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican\_Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Great\_Britain, Greece, Grenada, Hawaii, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New\_Zealand, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Puerto\_Rico, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Slovak\_Republic, Slovenia, South\_Africa, Spain, St\_Lucia, St\_Vincent, Sweden, Switzerland, The\_Gambia, Tonga, Trinidad\_and\_Tobago, Ukraine, United\_Nations, Uruguay, Venezuela, Virgin\_Islands, Yugoslavia) and maybe a few more.



### QSO Analysis Counties and Independent Cities



C&C	2005	2006	Dinwiddie	26	1	Louisa	13	42	Scott	53	91	Franklin	15	58
Accomack	150	156	Essex	0	552	Lunenburg	12	45	Shenandoah	48	200	Fredericksburg	132	881
Albemarle	7	84	Fairfax	1545	1304	Madison	15	329	Smyth	0	1153	Galax	3	1
Alleghany	2	11	Fauquier	1550	3936	Mathews	0	10	Southampton	14	37	Hampton	6	
Amelia	26	60	Floyd	80	124	Mecklenburg	38	394	Spotsylvania	20	92	Harrisonburg	11	35
Amherst	42	54	Fluvanna	42	105	Middlesex	1	13	Stafford	1193	1623	Hopewell	1	0
Appomattox	0	35	Franklin	144	844	Montgomery	118	1280	Surry	0	1	Lexington	0	
Arlington	344	411	Frederick	86	322	Nelson	10	111	Sussex	12	5	Lynchburg	9	42
Augusta	4	40	Giles	222	405	New Kent	0	12	Tazewell	36	0	Manassas	111	220
Bath	85	124	Glouchester	3	7	Northampton	3	0	Warren	83	357	Manassas Park	56	196
Bedford	61	539	Goochland	2789	2562	Northumberland	23	140	Washington	3	19	Martinsville	0	0
Bland	0	4	Grayson	9	11	Nottoway	25	61	Westmoreland	6	89	Newport News	11	16
Botetourt	1	18	Greene	98	305	Orange	9	40	Wise	11	3	Norfolk	5	18
Brunswick	31	46	Greensville	21	29	Page	286	825	Wythe	5	3	Norton	1	2
Buchanan	2	2	Halifax	49	26	Patrick	107	179	York	2	35	Petersburg	25	0
Buckingham	74	113	Hanover	352	151	Pittsylvania	200	1	Alexandria	215	145	Poquoson	7	0
Campbell	4	58	Henrico	142	222	Powhatan	54	1166	Bedford	24	21	Portsmouth	38	34
Caroline	5	24	Henry	1	1	Prince Edward	47	91	Bristol	0	9	Radford	4	5
Carroll	8	201	Highland	0	1	Prince George	333	3	Buena Vista	1	2	Richmond	19	
Charles City	0	5	Isle of Wight	66	124	Prince William	396	1166	Charlottesville	1	20	Roanoke	10	
Charlotte	20	33	James City	15	610	Pulaski	7	288	Chesapeake	15	185	Salem	3	20
Chesterfield	58	76	King & Queen	2	14	Rappahannock	79	440	Colonial Height	0	3	Staunton	13	35
Clarke	127	348	King George	24	46	Richmond	364	65	Covington	25	86	Suffolk	1	41
Craig	1	9	King William	1	16	Roanoke	44	93	Danville	0	0	Virginia Beach	9	2421
Culpeper	531	1164	Lancaster	0	126	Rockbridge	0	37	Emporia	18	37	Waynesboro	38	56
Cumberland	86	116	Lee	0	1	Rockingham	19	108	Fairfax	82	143	Williamsburg	1	3
Dickenson	47	30	Loudoun	1299	3465	Russell	0	51	Falls Church	63	90	Winchester	21	89

2005 2006

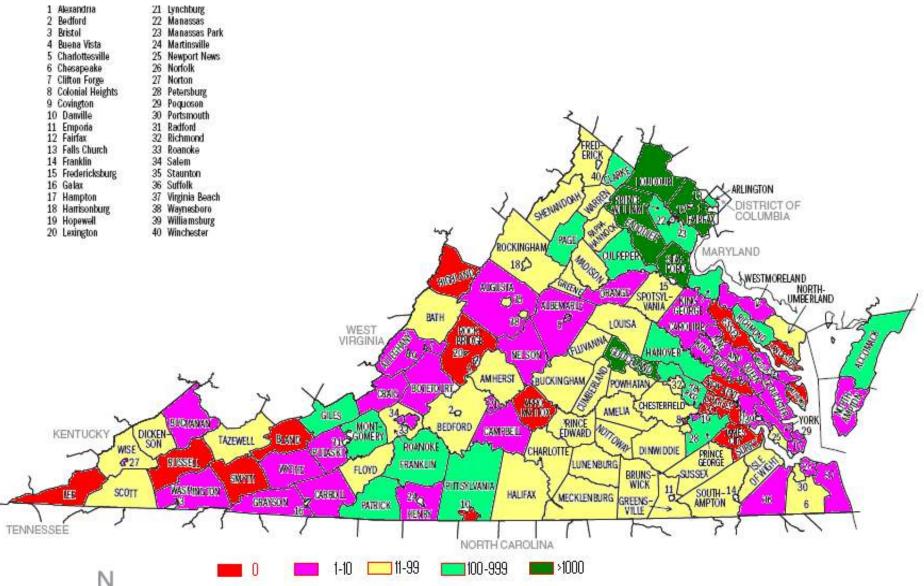
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18 of 134 C&C not activated.

34,740 Virginia contacts 7 of 134 C&C not activated.



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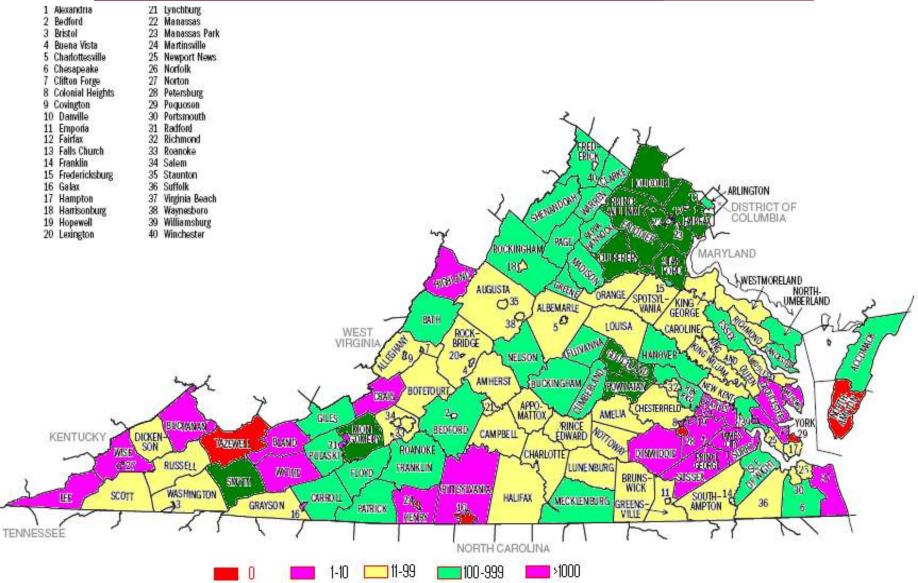






### 2006 QSO Analysis







### 2005 Club Scores and Entries



Club Name	Score	Entries	Club Name	Score	Entries
Central Virginia Contest Club	1,008,446	5	Alamance ARC - K4EG	10,104	1
Loudoun ARG (LARG)	720,195	27	Mount Vernon ARC (MVARC)	8,003	1
None	407,745	73	VARA-Staunton	7,100	1
Stafford Amateur Radio Assoc	161,251	2	South East Contest Club	7,057	2
Rappahannock Valley ARC	130,460	1	Minnesota Wireless Assn	4,660	1
Fauquier Amateur Radio Assoc	110,508	17	Florida Contest Group	4,230	1
Roanoke Valley ARC	92,204	3	Virginia Mountain ARC	3,238	1
Potomac Valley Radio Club	61,812	5	Society of Midwest Contesters	2,840	1
Sterling Park ARC	55,296	1	Western Tidewater Radio Assoc.	2,100	1
Franklin County ARC	34,036	2	Woodbridge Wireless, Inc.	1,152	1
Alexandria Radio Club	32,325	10	Arlington ARC	868	2
Weekend Warriors	21,850	1	Hazel Park ARC	760	1
North Shenandoah DX Assoc	19,852	3	North Texas Contest Club	546	1
Tennessee Contest Club	16,212	1	Island Radio Club	384	1
CTRI Contest Group	13,520	1	Chesapeake Amateur Radio Serv	128	1
30 Clubs had	d entrie	<u> </u>	Pasadena Contest Club	16	1

30 Clubs had entries 19 from VA

49 Clubs in VA!!!



### 2006 Club Scores and Entries



Central Virginia Contest Club	912,461	7
Loudoun Amateur Radio Group	754,356	37
None Stated	600,310	96
Potomac Valley Radio Club	589,290	9
Fauquier ARA	447,445	32
Virginia DX Century Club	394,626	2
Rappahannock Valley ARC	282,619	8
Franklin County ARC	146,305	5
Sterling Park ARC	111,356	3
South East Contest Club	75,172	5
Contest Club Ontario	52,418	3
Colonial Capitol Contest Club	44,186	3
Northern Shenandoah DX Assn	38,553	2
W4HFH Alexandria Radio Club	21,693	7
Tennessee Contest Group	31,679	5
Mad River Radio Club	30,265	3
Virginia Beach ARC	28,697	5
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	27,729	1
Woodbridge Wireless Inc.	27,020	1
Society of Midwest Contesters	25,385	3
	None Stated Potomac Valley Radio Club Fauquier ARA Virginia DX Century Club Rappahannock Valley ARC Franklin County ARC Sterling Park ARC South East Contest Club Contest Club Ontario Colonial Capitol Contest Club Northern Shenandoah DX Assn W4HFH Alexandria Radio Club Tennessee Contest Group Mad River Radio Club Virginia Beach ARC Yankee Clipper Contest Club Woodbridge Wireless Inc.	Loudoun Amateur Radio Group 754,356  None Stated 600,310  Potomac Valley Radio Club 589,290  Fauquier ARA 447,445  Virginia DX Century Club 394,626  Rappahannock Valley ARC 282,619  Franklin County ARC 146,305  Sterling Park ARC 111,356  South East Contest Club 75,172  Contest Club Ontario 52,418  Colonial Capitol Contest Club 44,186  Northern Shenandoah DX Assn 38,553  W4HFH Alexandria Radio Club 21,693  Tennessee Contest Group 31,679  Mad River Radio Club 30,265  Virginia Beach ARC 28,697  Yankee Clipper Contest Club 27,729  Woodbridge Wireless Inc. 27,020

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Florida Contest Group	25,008	2
Vienna Wireless Society	24,728	4
K4EG Alamance ARC	20,234	1
Virginia Mountain ARC	13,040	2
Ole Virginia Hams ARC	12,712	9
Radio Association of Erie	12,116	1
Frankford Radio Group	11,159	1
Lawton Fort Sill ARC	7,560	1
Shenandoah Valley ARC	6,938	1
Northern Illinois DX Association	5,368	2
Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service	4,196	1
Arlington Amateur Radio Club	3,857	4
Virginia Beach ARC, USS Wisconsin	2,291	1
Western Tidewater Radio Association	1,895	1
Ashe County ARC	1,539	2
Baltimore ARC	1,412	1
Notthern Wireless of Montana Radio Club	1,012	1
Central German Contest Group	532	1
Portsmouth ARC	121	1
QWCA Chapter 119	40	1
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	1	1

40 Club Entries, 23 from VA



### All Time High Scores



Category	Call Sign	Score	Year	2006 Score	2006 Call Sign
High Virginia Single Operator	W4MYA	288,788	2004	387,466	N4BAA
High Single Operator Novice/Technician	KG4LTB	28,936	2002	16,090	KI4FYO
High Outside Virginia Single Operator	WA3HAE	37,814	2000	32,316	N4JF
High Outside Virginia QRP	N2CQ	21,040	2003	12,598	K3TW
High Virginia QRP	WA4PGM	87,440	2003	34,764	K4ORD
High Single Operator VHF	KF4TJJ	17,750	2002	23,926	K5EK
High Virginia Club Combined Score	CVCC	1,442,366	2002	912,461	CVCC
High Virginia Mobile	WB3AKD	145,192	2003	178,789	W4W/M (WA4PGM)
High Single Operator CW	WA4PGM	124,000	2004	90,275	NC4S
High Multiple Operator / Single Transmitter	K4TS	130,460	2005	184,572	K4M (VA Tech ARA)
High Multiple Operator / Multiple Transmitter	W4ML	803,540	2005	523,382	W4ML
High Single Band (Award started in 2004)	VE3MGY	5,063	2005	26,918	VE3NBJ
High SO VA Counties/Independent Cities	N4NW	64	2004	74	VE3CRU
High DX Station All Mode	DL5MC	1,735	2004	5,882	CU2JT
High Virginia Single Operator Digital Mode				2	KI4CBF
High Outside VA Single Operator Digital Mode				8	K3MQ
High Virginia Single Operator Phone Only				119,694	K3SK
High Expedition				20,234	K4EG
High Virginia Club – Virginia QSOs Only				508,474	FARA

High Score Working Hard to Stay High Score

Take it all over





# Virginia QSO Party

### Certificates





## 2005 Virginia QSO Party





Floral Emblem Dogwood

### The Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club congratulates



State Bird Cardinal

### for promoting amateur radio activity in Virginia's 95 Counties and 39 Independent Cities with your enthusiastic participation in this annual event.

#### Counties

#### Accomack Albemarle Alleghany Amelia Amherst Carroll Appomattox Charles City Arlington Charlotte Augusta Chesterfield Bath Clarke Bedford Craig Bland Culpeper Cumberland Botetourt Brunswick Dickenson Buchanan Dinwiddie Buckingham Essex Campbell Caroline Fauquier

Flovd Henry Fluvanna Highland Franklin Isle of Wight Frederick James City Giles King & Queen Glouchester King George Goochland King William Gravson Lancaster Greene Lee Greensville Loudoun Halifax Louisa Hanover Lunenburg Henrico Madison

Mathews
Mecklenburg
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Powhatan Smvth Prince Edward Southampton Prince George Spotsylvania Prince William Stafford Pulaski Surry Rappahannock Sussex Richmond Tazewell Roanoke Warren Rockbridge Washington Rockingham Westmoreland Russell Wise Scott Wythe York Shenandoah

Poquoson Williamsburg Danville Lexington Portsmouth Winchester Emporia Lynchburg Radford

Fairfax Manassas Richmond Galax Bedford Norfolk Falls Church Suffolk Manassas Park Chesapeake Roanoke Hampton Bristol Norton Franklin Virginia Beach Martinsville Colonial Heights Salem Harrisonburg Buena Vista Petersburg Fredericksburg Waynesboro Newport News Covington Staunton Hopewell Charlottesville

#### **Independent Cities**

Alexandria



## 2006 Virginia QSO Party





The Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club congratulates



State Bat Virginia Big-Eared Bat

#### for promoting amateur radio activity in Virginia's 95 Counties and 39 Independent Cities with your enthusiastic participation in this annual event

Counties	in this annual event.								Independent Cities
Accomack Albemark Alleghany Amelia	20000	N-10-2						o <b></b> 2000 o o o o o o o	Alexandria Bedford Bristol Buena Vista
Amberst	Carroll	Floyd	Henry	Mathews	Powhatan	Smyth	Richmond	Hopewell	Charlottesville
Appomattor.	Charles City	Fluvanna	Highland	Mecklenburg	Prince Edward	Southampton	Rounoke	Lexington	Chesapeake
Arlington	Charlotte	Franklin	Isle of Wight	Middlesex	Prince George	Spotsylvania.	Salem	Lynchburg	Colonial Heights
Augusta	Chesterfield	Frederick	James City	Montgomery	Prince William	Stafford	Staumton	Manassas	Covington
Bath	Clarke	Giles	King & Queen	Nelson	Pulaski	Surry	Suffolk	Monassas Park	Danville
Bedford	Craig	Glouchester	King George	New Kent	Rappahannock	Sussex	Virginia Beach	Martinsville	Emporia
Bland	Culpeper	Goochland	King William	Northampton	Richmond	Tazewell	Waynesboro	Newport News	Fairfax
Botetourt	Cumberland	Gravson	Lancaster	Northumberland	Roanoke	Warren	Williamsburg	Norfolk	Falls Church
Brunswick	Dickenson	Greene	Lee	Nottoway	Rockbridge	Washington	Windhester	Norton	Franklin
Buchanan	Dinwiddie	Geensville	Loudoun	Orange	Rockingham	Westmoreland		Petenburg	Fre dericksburg
Buckingham	Essex	Halifax	Louisa	Page	Russell	Wise		Poquoson	Galax
Campbell	Fairfax	Hanover	Lunenburg	Patrick	Scott	Wythe		Portsmouth	Hampton
Caroline	Fauquier	Henrico	Madison	Pittsylvania	Shenandoah	York		Radford	Harrisonburg





# 2006 Virginia QSO Party

Announcement of Plaque Recipients





### High Virginia Single Operator Digital Mode



Sponsor: Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

-POC:

Score: 2

Ranking: 277 of 279

-C&C: 1

- Entries: 1

Chris Walter, KI4CBF

Thank you for the notification and invitation to the Manassas Hamfest. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend.

Thanks also to the many other hams who setup and ran this party.

73, Chris Walter, KI4CBF



## High Outside Virginia Single Operator Digital Mode



Sponsor: Don Sambol, K7CS

-POC:

Score: 8

-Ranking: 273 of 279

-C&C: 2

- Entries: 1

Bob Johnson, K3MQ



#### High DX Station



Sponsor: North Shenandoah DX Association

- POC: John, N4MM

• Score: 5,882

Ranking: 112 of 279

-C&C:39

- Entries: 4

#### Gary Wikstrom, CU2JT

The Virginia QSO Party is one of the pinnacles of the contest season. I am honoured to be named as a plaque winner. Unfortunately, the geographical distance makes it impossible for me to personally attend the ceremony.

I will be back next year trying to defend my result of this year. Until then, thanks to the committee and to all the rovers making it possible to work so many of the "hard" counties.



#### High Outside Virginia QRP



Sponsor: Dave Williams, K7HMP

-POC:

• Score: 12,598

Ranking: 71 of 279

-C&C:46

-Entries: 7

Thomas Warren, K3TW

Many thanks for the wonderful information on finish in the 2006 Virginia QSO Party. I will plan on attending the Manassas Hamfest to be present at the awards ceremony.

Thanks and 73.

Tom, K3TW



#### High Single Operator Novice/Tech



- Sponsor: Central Virginia Contest Club (CVCC)
  - -POC:
- Score: 16,090
  - -Ranking: 60 of 279
  - -C&C: 34
  - -Entries: 20
- Rick Brady, KI4FYO



#### High Expedition



Sponsor: Alamance ARC

-POC:

• Score: 20,234

- Ranking: 52 of 279

-C&C:38

-Entries: 4

K4EG (KF4VTT, N4MIO, KG4GUR, K4JPA)

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#### High Virginia Counties/Independent Cities Contacted - Single Operator



Sponsor: Franklin County ARC

- POC:

• Score: 23,523

Ranking: 45 of 279

- C&C: 74

- Entries: 274

#### Bill Burgess, VE3CRU

I had entertained thoughts of attending your awards banquet. That is, until I looked at your map and now realize you are in the middle of No-Man's Land, at least it is for me. I thought it was in VT, which could be doable as I could tour around then meet the gang on Mt. Greylock, MA for the following weekend's VHF contest. But no way can I go so far south at today's gas prices. So do have a great function, and I will look forward with much excitement to receiving my first ham radio contesting plaque in the mail.

73, Bill VE3CRU



#### High Single Operator VHF Only



Sponsor: Sterling Park ARC

-POC:

• Score: 23,926

- Ranking: 44 of 279

-C&C:35

-Entries: 48

Edward Kuebert, K5EK



#### High Single Band



Sponsor: Vienna Wireless Society

- POC:

• Score: 26,918

Ranking: 39 of 279

- C&C: 74

- Entries: 55

Norm Pratt, VE3NBJ

Well I am very pleased to have received your email this evening and look forward to the single band plaque. Would you be so kind as to pass along my thanks to the Vienna Wireless Society for sponsoring the plaque. Really enjoyed the Virginia QSO Party this year and due to band conditions I ended up staying on single band and sure happy now that I did... hi hi

Thanks Again...too bad I cannot make the hamfest to pick it up!! 73 Norm



#### High Single Operator Outside Virginia



Sponsor: Alexandria Radio Club

- POC:

•Score: 32,316

Ranking: 36 of 279

- C&C: 82

- Entries: 97

#### Jerry Fiore, N4JF

I greatly appreciate the Alexandria Radio Club for sponsoring the plaque for highest outside VA score. I will not be able to attend the Manassas Hamfest to receive the plaque. I will cherish this award greatly. Again tx for an excellent qso party. It was lots of fun.

73s Jerry N4JF



#### High Virginia QRP



Sponsor: Northern Virginia QRP Club POC:

• Score: 34,764

- Ranking: 34 of 279

-C&C:43

-Entries: 12

Riley Dudley, K4ORD



#### High Single Operator CW Only



Sponsor: FISTS QSL Bureau

-POC:

• Score: 90,275

- Ranking: 13 of 279

-C&C:49

- Entries: 39

Gary Quinn, NC4S

I am planning to be at the award presentations. See you there.

73 Gary, NC4S



#### High Virginia Single Operator Phone Only



Sponsor: Shenandoah Valley ARC

-POC: John, N4MM

• Score: 119,694

Ranking: 9 of 279

-C&C:63

- Entries: 110

David Buckwalter, K3SK



#### High Virginia Mobile



 Sponsor: Kevin Stuart, W4KLS, in memory of Howard Stuart, W2VWK (SK)

-POC: Kevin Stuart, W4KLS

• Score: 178,789

- Ranking: 4 of 279

-C&C: 52

- Entries: 55

 Kyle Chavis (W4W/M - WA4PGM)





#### High Multiple Operator Single Station



Sponsor: Rappahannock Valley ARC

-POC:

• Score: 184,572

Ranking: 3 of 279

-C&C: 62

- Entries: 10

K4M: The Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association

Thanks for all of your hard work in coordinating the VAQP. We had a great time operating, and the results were organized MUCH faster than most contests!

73, Ben Mills, N4CV,

President, Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association



#### High Virginia Single Operator



Sponsor: Winchester Amateur Radio Society

- POC: John, N4MM

• Score: 387,466

Ranking: 2 of 279

- C&C: 67

Entries: 166

Jose Castillo, N4BAA

Hello, Jose Castillo, N4BAA here.

I am being sent to away on orders starting Thursday night and will be out of the area for a few days... My navy job keeps me pretty well tied up at times...and I am very sorry that I will not be able to receive my award in person.

PLEASE pass along my MOST sincere "Thank You" and gratitude for the award as well as all the sponsors. Many State QSO parties are dieing...and I can safely say..VA is not one of them....!!!! Great participation and great effort by the contest/club committee.

If someone happens to be filming the award presentation...I would like them to contact me so I may either copy it or edit it.

Thanks! Jose Castillo - N4BAA Proud 2006 Winner



#### High Virginia Club - Virginia QSOs Only



 Sponsor: John Huggins, N4LRS, in memory of Linda Gay Huggins

- POC: John Huggins, N4LRS

• Score: 508,474

-Ranking: 1 of 37

-C&C:

- Entries: 37

Fauquier Amateur Radio Association (FARA)

Thanks much for all the hard work your team put into the QSO party. We out here in Fauquier County had a great time. We owe credit to you for the great presentation you provided the club prior to the event. It sparked the interest that got us out there contesting and bringing home four plaques to Fauquier Amateur Radio Association.

I think all of us will be there on June 4th.

Thanks Much, Dave Buckwalter K3SK



#### High Multiple Operator Multiple Station



Sponsor: Sterling Park ARC

-POC:

• Score: 523,382

-Ranking: 1 of 279

-C&C: 78

-Entries: 5

• W4ML (K4KJL, K4KML, K4WNW, KJ4IT, N4DEN, W4FEG, W4MYA, WD4LBR)



#### High Virginia Club Combined Score



- Sponsor: Vienna Wireless Society
  - -POC:
- Score: 912,461
  - -Ranking: 1 of 41
  - -C&C: n/a
  - -Entries: 41
- Central Virginia Contest Club (CVCC)





# 2007 Virginia QSO Party

See you on the air!

73, Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club