Georgia QSO Party, 2026 Results *Andrew Goss, AA5JF*

The **2026 Georgia QSO Party** was held April 11-12, once again bringing together operators from across Georgia, the United States, Canada, and the world for a weekend focused on activating and chasing Georgia's 159 counties. A total of 321 logs were submitted, including 78 from Georgia stations and 243 from outside the state. Operators from 42 states, provinces, and DX entities submitted logs. Mixed mode remained the most popular entry category with 125 logs, followed by 104 CW-only logs and 92 phone-only logs. Power levels were dominated by low-power entrants, with 197 logs submitted in that category.

As has become customary in the Georgia QSO Party, the greatest excitement came from the rovers. Eight rover and portable operators activated an impressive 132 unique Georgia counties, ensuring that county hunters had plenty to chase all weekend. N4N (K5JR, KX4MZ, and WK4U) once again led the rover standings with 2,217 total contacts and a winning score of 298,152 points. AC6ZM and N4N each activated 52 counties, while W4AN (KU8E and K4BAI) covered 31 counties and AD4EB added another 19. Collectively, the rover community provided thousands of contacts and brought activity to many of Georgia's less-populated counties. Particularly noteworthy was AC6ZM's mixed-mode effort of 1,688 contacts and AD4EB's one-day CW-only rover operation, which produced 1,395 CW QSOs, an average of 140 QSOs per hour. Wow.

Portable operators were also active, although there were just two entries this year. AA5JF captured the Georgia portable title with 603 CW and 394 phone contacts for a score of 132,800 points, while N9FZ turned in an excellent CW-only portable effort with 530 contacts and 47,700 points. Together, the portable and rover stations demonstrated that taking radios into the field remains one of the defining features of the Georgia QSO Party.

Competition among Georgia fixed stations was strong. N4F (KO4VW) won the in-state mixed-mode, high-power category with 172,000 points. AA4LR

topped the low-power mixed category with 134,013 points, while KJ4YM led the mixed-mode QRP entries. In the CW competition, K4PI won the high-power category, W4TM claimed low-power honors, and KR4AE again led the QRP operators. On phone, K4NV's impressive 1,503 contacts earned the high-power championship, KT4Q won the low-power category, and N4CN captured the QRP phone title. The top Georgia multi-operator station was KM4DAY (with LZ4AX) with 199,818 points.

Outside Georgia, familiar names again rose to the top of the standings. Laci, OM2VL from Slovakia earned the highest out-of-state score with 126,360 points in the mixed-mode high-power category, winning the DX plaque. He worked an impressive 127 Georgia counties on CW and 68 on SSB. ND4Y was the top US/Canada finisher in that category, with 57,368 points. N2MF finished atop the low-power mixed-mode category, with an impressive 54,329 points. KN6VTC led the high-power phone category and W4ANT is the plaque winner in the low-power phone category. DL3DXX led the CW-only entries with 75,980 points while working 131 Georgia multipliers, continuing a tradition of outstanding DX participation in the event. W5TM in Oklahoma was the top W/VE entry in the high-power CW-only category. K3ONW will receive the plaque for the winning low-power CW-only entry. Top QRP finishers were K3TW (Mixed), NI8W (CW), and W4BBT (Phone). We offer a plaque named the “Best of the West” to encourage activity from the W6/W7 call area. It was won by Steve, AA7V with 35,088 points. His score was 3rd highest in the high power CW only category.

The North Fulton Amateur Radio League again won the Large Georgia Club category. They always get their members to support the GQP. They also sponsor an award for stations who work all the special call signs that have the letters from NFARL in them. The Gateway ARC captured the Small Georgia Club award, and the Florida Contest Group claimed the Non-Georgia Club championship.

Many thanks to all of the operators, county activators, mobile teams, portable stations, and log submitters who made the 2026 Georgia QSO

Party a success. Their efforts continue to make Georgia one of the most active and enjoyable state QSO parties on the contest calendar.