

The Michigan QSO Party



Third Saturday in April, the **Michigan QSO Party**, from Noon to Midnight EDT.

MIQP is one of many State QSO Party events held every year. It is a somewhat leisurely-paced “contest,” the object of which is for out-of state hams to work as many MI stations as possible, and, for MI stations to stack up QSOs with everyone else. A QSO exchange sent is RS(T) +MI County (“WAYNE” in our case), and other state ops send RS(T)+their 2-letter State abbreviation.

LARC will operate with the club’s gear and callsign, N8LPD, from the City of Livonia Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inside Police Headquarters . Winners (clubs and individuals) receive certificates or Plaques (and entitlement to bragging rights) from the contest’s long time sponsor, the Mad River Radio Club.

Fun fact: LARC has been a First Place winner in the EOC category many times, we almost own the category!

Event details, rules and more at MRRC’s MIQP website - <https://miqp.org/>

LARC Members are permitted entry to the EOC, and, as a licensed Amateur, can operate the club station for this event. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to get a taste of Contesting (a.k.a. “radiosport”) in a low-stress environment. Unlike many other fast-paced, high-volume, high-speed events, like the world-wide SSB, CW or digital DX contests, this one is slower paced, and we’re in it mostly for the fun and camaraderie.

Tech licensees will have a chance to sample HF band operating; Generals might get to foray into the Extra Class sub-bands. We will be doing CW, too!

We’d enjoy having you come by and take part with your club in this event, even if only for a short visit.

Please let us know if you would like to operate or assist (or visit) by filling out a signup form at the LARC website. The form is to let the club know when you can do Saturday operating time or to help with Friday afternoon 12-2p antenna raising, or Sunday teardown, and also gives us a heads up that you might be coming.



Livonia Police Department | Emergency Operations Center:

The Livonia PD building is at 14050 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. Access the front entrance parking lot from Civic Center Drive. You must check in as a radio club member with the desk officer, who is provided with a list of the club members. Our relationship with LPD allows only valid LARC members entry to the building. Once OK'd you will be buzzed through the stairway door. The EOC is adjacent to the Training Room, on the basement level.

We will monitor the K8UNS LARC 2 Meter repeater (145.350 PL100) for arrivals or lost souls.

