

Winter 2003 RTTY North American QSO Party Results

While I'm up to my keyboards in local health department work, K7WM returns in this issue to rate the first-ever Winter NAQP RTTY. The winter edition was welcomed with open keyboards! Thanks to all involved for making another great RTTY contest possible. I enjoyed all the comments, especially that of a frustrated VA3PC who suffered "Contestus Interruptus." I'll be back next issue to suggest the RTTY mode as a great place for new contesters to test the (sometimes intimidating) waters.—John, WA9ALS.

The first-ever Winter RTTY North American QSO Party (NAQP) got started at 1800Z on February 22, 2003 and things couldn't have been better. Even though propagation could be considered strange, depending on where you live, it was great overall. Records were set in almost every category (shattered in some)! Participation was up, and reading all the comments coming in with the logs, many new RTTY contesters were in the contest. Several old timers who have been away from RTTY for a while took this opportunity to come back. With a score of 118,590, Don, AA5AU, still reigns as the SOLP operator to beat and this year in the NAQP was no different. From his shack in the bayou down in Louisiana, he was the top operator in score, total QSOs and mults.

However, another swamp rat from Louisiana, Charlie, KI5XP, who was operating from W5WMU, put a hard chase on Don and finished second with a score

of 98,644. Now we move to the southwest desert for the third place finisher Dave, K6LL, with a score of 98,040. If you figure out the QSOs per hour for the top three finishers, that works out to 59 for AA5AU, 54.2 for KI5XP and 51.6 for K6LL. That's tight for 10 hours of operating.

For the first winter RTTY NAQP, there were 12 teams. This is up from a high of eight teams for prior RTTY NAQPs, and with the higher individual scoring, team scoring set all time records also. The "NITTY GRITTY RTTY" team of AE9B, AK0A, AA5AU, KI6DY and KU1CW finished first with over 90,000 points in front of second-place team "SWACC (South West Arizona Contest Club)" of K6LL, W7WW, W7ZR, WK6I and K7WM. Third-place team, the "1 x 4s", was made up of W1ZT, W4UK, WX4TM, K4GMH and K4WW. Many of the teams were missing scores from team members who either were unable to participate in the contest or declined to submit a log.

The District 4 call area holds the record for most logs submitted with the District 9 call area right behind. There were only four logs submitted from the District 2 area, which was a little strange as the 1 and 3 call districts had a good showing, so we know they weren't snowed in.

That's the contest in about a nutshell. The biggest reason for score deduction was violation of the off-time rule. It wasn't a one- or two-minute violation, but a 20 or 30 minute one. The second biggest reason was not recording

Hawaii's QTH. They are a state with the abbreviation of HI. The remainders of the deductions were the nits and lice such as 8-letter calls, getting prefixes/QTHs wrong, etc. The submitted logs were great with minimum correspondence back to the submitters to straighten out the problems.

Look at the score-QSO-mult breakdown, as there is a fine line in the balancing of running rates and chasing mults. Of course, if you have a two-radio setup (SO2R), the problem solves itself as you can run on one and search and pounce on the other. Overall, I believe the first-ever Winter RTTY NAQP was a great success and with luck, the July (summer) one will be as great.

Soapbox

AA5AU: Great contest! Thanks for adding this February event for RTTY...AG4WH: first Contest, First time on RTTY....AI9T: High winds and snow all during the contest. Lost power only once during my first break....AK0A: fun contest. 10m dead here in KS but thanks to all who worked me....K0BX: Lots of activity and nice to see 40 and 80 with activity....K0FX: Condx good on low bands and lots of activity....K0HZI: First RTTY contest in over 30 years and had fun. Computer lots quieter than the old model 15 teletype machine....K4BEV: Rain and static was a bummer, but worked HI on 80m anyway. I really like LP contests and I could actually hole a frequency....K4GMH: Bands were very noisy due to thunderstorms in area, weird wx this winter....K4QD: Good contest with lots of participation....K5ZD: Got on to support the contest and nice to see good condx and activity....K6OWL: Enjoyed the new February contest very much....K6UFO: My first

Top-10 Single Op and Multi-2 Breakdown

Single Op

Call	Name	QTH	80 m	40 m	20 m	15 m	10 m	QSOs	Mults	Score
AA5AU	DON	LA	88/35	145/46	151/48	155/49	51/23	590	201	118590
KI5XP	CHARLIE	LA	62/32	166/46	159/44	131/45	24/15	542	182	98644
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	64/27	96/40	141/45	137/47	78/31	516	190	98040
KU1CW	ALEX	MO	103/37	143/45	139/41	108/41	22/16	515	180	92700
W0LSD	KEN	CO	99/38	126/47	159/47	91/39	15/12	490	183	89670
N9CK	STEVE	WI	137/45	140/45	122/42	80/31	26/13	505	176	88880
AE9B	TOM	MO	86/33	128/43	172/46	103/35	22/13	511	170	86870
K7WM	WAYNE	AZ	47/22	122/44	100/42	162/48	47/25	478	181	86518
N0AT	RON	MN	91/38	137/43	125/41	105/37	32/16	490	175	85759
W1ZT	GEORGE	MA	75/34	86/36	128/42	118/42	35/24	442	178	78676

MULTI-2

Call	Name	QTH	80 m	40 m	20 m	15 m	10 m	QSOs	Mults	Score
N0AC*	BILL	IA	121/41	159/46	139/40	124/47	23/17	566	191	108106
N3XLS**	AL/JOE	PA	86/33	90/36	97/38	48/21	15/12	336	140	47040

*OPERATORS: N0AC, N0NI, W0WHV, W0OV

**OPERATORS: N3XLS, N3KAE

Top Ten Score, QSO and Multiplier Totals

Score	QSOs	Multipliers
AA5AU 118590	AA5AU 590	AA5AU 201
KI5XP 98644	KI5XP 542	K6LL 190
K6LL 98040	K6LL 516	W0LSD 183
KU1CW 92700	KU1CW 515	KI5XP 182
W0LSD 89670	W0LSD 490	N9CK 176
N9CK 88880	AE9B 511	K7WM 181
AE9B 86870	N9CK 505	K6HGF 180
K7WM 86518	N0AT 490	KU1CW 180
N0AT 85750	K7WM 478	W1ZT 178
W1ZT 78676	K4QD 457	N0AT 175

Team Scores

Florida Boys	
K4QD	71292
WO4D	41762
KT4FY	
AF4Z	
WB4EQS	36285
Total	149339

Nitty Gritty RTTY	
AA5AU	118590
AE9B	86870
AK0A	63140
KI6DY	74358
KU1CW	92700
Total	435658

Northridge Shakers	
N6EU	35108
AD6KA	
WA6BOB	16638
VK4UC	
K6HGF	75780
Total	127526

TCG Dirt Devils	
W4GKM	40000
W4OX	55770
W0ETC	61070
K4RO	
VE1OP	63900
Total	220740

1 x 4s

W1ZT	78676
W4UK	42084
WX4TM	68425
K4GMH	55380
K4WW	68310
Total	312875

SWACC (South West Arizona Contest Club)	
K6LL	98040
W7ZR	57828
W7WW	78400
WK6I	24054
K7WM	86518
Total	344840

TCG Dirt Busters	
W4BCG	38383
WW3S	55200
KM4H	6649
W2GR	33108
KE4OAR	40506
Total	173846

NCCC#1	
W6ISO	52281
W6ZZZ	11288
K6UFO	24805
K6UM	59092
Total	147466

550 DX Club

K4RVH	
KU4J	
KD4BJ	

TCG Whole Earth Team	
K4BEV	33024
KS0M	20055
W9WI	16435
VE6YR	44616
W4LC	39000
Total	153130

TCG Dirt Dogs	
KE4KWE	51120
WA4CFG	
WQ0U	
N9CK	88880
Total	140000

Metro Monsters	
W9ILY	32606
N9TK	22154
K9PY	9120
K9TP	
W9IXX/4	1188
Total	65068

Complete Scores: 2003 Winter RTTY NAQP

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KU1CW	ALEX	MO	103/37	143/45	139/41	108/41	22/16	515	180	92700	WB6BWZ	MATT	GA	25/18	40/25	48/23	41/24	8/7	162	97	15714
W0LSD	KEN	CO	99/38	126/47	159/47	91/39	15/12	490	183	89670	W4UEF	RICK	NC	46/24	50/25	34/22	26/14	8/7	164	92	15088
N0AT	RON	MN	91/38	137/43	125/41	105/37	32/16	490	175	85750	AE4Y	KENT	GA	9/8	23/15	39/22	33/23	8/6	112	74	8288
KI6DY	BOB	KS	101/38	108/39	145/43	86/28	19/14	459	162	74358	N5SMQ	BUTCH	VA	47/25	12/9	41/21	11/7	2/2	113	64	7232
AK0A	BILL	KS	86/33	98/40	131/43	86/31	9/7	410	154	63140	KC4WQ	BUDDY	KY	52/28	21/17	18/22	16/10	0	107	67	7169
W0ETC	LAR	IA	78/32	103/39	117/40	80/32	15/12	394	155	61070	KM4H	MIKE	FL	5/4	21/16	25/17	42/18	16/6	109	61	6649
W0HW	CHAS	MN	67/31	92/35	111/43	74/31	11/7	355	147	52185	N4IG	DAVE	FL	0	35/21	40/21	22/12	5/4	102	58	5916
K0FX	DON	CO	85/33	111/35	96/42	29/18	6/6	327	134	43818	N4AN	ROY	AL	0	24/19	29/18	26/16	7/5	86	58	4988
NN0G	DANA	CO	50/23	84/36	85/33	65/24	1/1	285	117	33345	K0COP	DAVE	SC	0	0	0	10/8	0	10	8	80
K0HW	JAMES	SD	28/17	20/15	96/35	65/31	8/7	217	105	22785	AG4WH	GORDON	SC	0	4/4	0	0	0	4	4	16
KS0M	DICK	MO	29/18	44/26	71/39	43/19	4/3	191	105	20055	AA5AU	DON	LA	88/35	145/46	151/48	155/49	51/23	590	201	118590
N0AJ	JIM	MO	24/16	35/23	59/28	49/21	20/10	187	98	18326	KI5XP	CHARLIE	LA	62/32	166/46	159/44	131/45	24/15	542	182	98644
K0BX	JOEY	MO	47/24	34/23	49/22	19/15	4/3	153	87	13311	K5KA	KEN	OK	77/36	99/38	122/39	85/31	7/7	390	151	58890
WA0SXV	MIKE	MO	31/19	12/9	7/6	17/11	4/4	71	49	3479	W5TZN	WYN	OK	60/31	76/36	69/32	62/28	18/15	285	142	42470
K0HZI	JERRY	MN	0	9/5	47/26	0	0	56	31	1736	NI5F	BILL	MS	16/13	47/23	68/34	53/27	18/10	202	107	21614
W0TY	TONY	MO	41/19	21/8	0	0	0	62	27	1674	N5VYS	OBIE	TX	0	4/3	104/38	68/30	31/15	207	86	17802
N0UX	TERRY	CO	0	0	20/13	19/14	4/4	43	31	1333	N5PU	LEON	MS	0	0	80/35	58/24	0	138	59	8142
AB0DX	JACK	MO	0	0	17/12	0	5/2	22	14	308	WR5O	DAVE	TX	0	0	32/19	59/31	9/7	100	57	5700
W1ZT	GEORGE	MA	75/34	86/36	128/42	118/42	35/24	442	178	78676	K5PI	ROB	TX	20/14	47/27	0	0	0	67	41	2747
K1AM	JEFF	RI	70/31	68/31	85/32	41/24	40/20	304	138	41952	NE0P	JOHN	OK	10/7	10/9	8/6	20/12	0	48	34	1632
K7BV	DENNIS	CT	78/36	67/28	37/19	81/30	27/6	290	129	37410	KS5V	ED	TX	0	8/7	40/23	0	0	48	30	1440
W1EHK	MAY	CT	43/23	61/30	83/35	68/26	26/18	281	132	37092	K5WW	GERT	TX	0	0	0	7/6	21/14	28	20	560
N1MGO	GORDON	MA	13/12	39/22	89/33	54/23	13/11	208	101	21008	K6HGF	DOUG	CA	63/25	72/39	105/44	137/46	44/26	421	180	75780
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	17/13	60/32	60/29	45/24	8/7	190	105	19950	K6UM	STEVE	CA	55/27	41/25	107/38	101/39	70/29	374	158	59092
W0BR	BOB	CT	25/16	31/19	36/24	37/21	6/5	135	85	11475	AC6JT	BRYAN	CA	54/21	55/34	109/41	93/35	37/22	348	153	53244
K1US	JON	ME	0	10/9	92/33	41/21	0	143	63	9009	W6ISO	KEN	CA	40/25	67/33	98/41	83/34	45/24	333	157	52281
KC1YF	WAYNE	ME	0	0	69/30	50/25	6/5	125	60	7500	N6PC	PAUL	CA	48/23	52/27	123/44	97/35	25/14	345	143	49335
AB1BX	ANDY	RI	0	10/6	39/20	51/23	0	100	49	4900	W6FFH	DAN	CA	34/14	44/24	113/43	78/36	21/14	290	131	37990
N2DBI	STEVE	NY	68/27	98/34	68/33	46/23	24/12	304	129	39216	N6EU	RUSS	CA	21/12	63/30	70/39	81/34	31/16	266	131	35108
W2GR	MIKE	NY	28/20	100/39	72/30	53/27	14/8	267	124	33108	AK6DV	CHUCK	CA	3/3	29/21	149/45	89/34	19/13	289	116	33524
KA2D	TOM	NY	0	36/17	71/36	57/26	5/4	169	83	14027	NCGY	JAMES	CA	34/13	67/30	70/39	59/29	9/8	239	119	28441
N2AMG	RICK	NY	22/16	34/20	68/29	5/4	0	129	69	9301	K6UFO	MORK	CA	25/13	37/24	59/33	50/29	34/22	205	121	24805
WW3S	JAMIE	PA	74/33	80/36	63/34	72/32	56/25	345	160	55200	WK6I	JEFF	CA	7/4	37/26	104/45	49/29	14/10	211	114	24054
KB3IEO	DOUG	PA	54/31	59/25	66/31	51/19	5/5	235	111	26085	N6VH	JIM	CA	11/10	29/22	88/38	49/26	21/15	198	111	21978
W3MEL	MEL	PA	56/27	73/30	86/32	24/13	2/2	241	104	25064	K6OWL	MARK	CA	18/6	40/26	83/38	57/31	7/6	205	107	21935
WF3M	BILL	PA	44/24	101/38	102/37	0	0	247	99	24453	WA6BOB	BOB	CA	0	65/32	76/36	30/20	6/6	177	94	16638
N3FR	BOB	PA	19/15	0	75/37	35/18	23/12	152	82	12464	W6ZZZ	MARK	CA	22/9	34/20	34/24	38/24	8/6	136	83	11288
K3FH	MIKE	PA	11/8	43/28	23/17	29/15	7/6	113	74	8362	W6IWO	DALE	CA	35/20	29/19	27/18	0	0	91	57	5187
W3DSX	RANDY	PA	0	30/15	23/16	39/17	6/6	98	54	5292	KZ6O	LOGAN	CA	3/2	25/19	15/12	31/23	0	74	56	4144
AA0CY	NAVAAD	PA	0	24/17	35/21	25/17	4/3	88	58	5104	W6OAT	RUSTY	CA	0	11/11	68/35	1/1	1/1	81	48	3888
N3NZ	NOEL	PA	0	0	39/18	18/14	0	57	32	1824	NC6P	DAVE	CA	0	23/15	22/12	15/12	5/4	65	43	2795
KB3EAX	BILL	PA	9/7	10/8	12/7	1/1	0	32	23	736	KJ6RA	RICH	CA	0	0	25/16	31/23	0	56	39	2184
W3FOE	LEE	VA	0	0	0	11/7	11/9	22	16	352	K6LL	DAVE	AZ	64/27	96/40	141/45	137/47	78/31	516	190	98040
K3MZ	PAUL	VA	0	2/2	1/1	0	0	3	3	9	K7WM	WAYNE	AZ	47/22	122/44	100/42	162/48	47/25	478	181	86518
K4QD	JAN	FL	12/11	131/46	163/47	136/41	15/11	457	156	71292	W7ZR	DAVE	AZ	67/29	98/38	124/43	111/43	48/22	448	175	78400
WX4TM	TOM	AL	70/35	124/41	140/43	63/29	28/13	425	161	68425	W7ZR	DICK	AZ	53/26	80/32	114/42	70/35	49/23	366	158	57828
K4WW	BO	KY	96/37	107/43	116/42	64/27	31/16	414	165	68310	WG7Y	BOB	WY	34/19	90/39	117/42	76/30	11/9	328	139	45592
W4OX	DOUG	FL	11/11	139/44	92/40	135/39	13/9	390	143	55770	W7AY	WILKE	OR	22/9	52/28	81/37	50/29	13/11	218	114	24852
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	87/35	123/39	118/37	47/19	15/12	390	142	55380	KW7N	STEVE	ID	17/13	39/24	70/30	49/27	27/20	202	114	23028
KE4KWE	TOM	AL	62/27	116/42	110/38	54/25	18/10	360	142	51120	K7JJ	DAVE	OR	10/5	37/26	58/30	46/26	26/17	177	104	18408
W4UK	JERRY	SC	68/29	106/36	110/35	50/26	0	334	126	42084	K7KAR	KEITH	AZ	21/11	24/17	44/24	3/3	17/12	109	67	7303
WO4D	ORRIN	FL	34/22	91/36	116/39	68/32	5/4	314	133	41762	AL7QCM/K7WALT	WA	0	4/4	37/22	58					

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AE9B	TOM	MO	86/33	128/43	172/46	103/35	22/13	511	170	86870												
KE9S	JEFF	WI	71/34	108/41	143/41	54/20	21/11	397	147	58359	VE1OP	SCOTT	NS	27/19	107/35	142/44	111/33	39/19	426	150	63900	
A19T	STEVE	IL	69/31	95/38	115/35	68/27	29/18	376	149	56024	VY1JA	JAY	NWT	0	0	28/16	25/17	7/5	60	38	2280	
K9DJ	DUKE	WI	92/38	76/36	125/42	38/20	8/3	339	139	47121	VE3GSI	ERIC	ON	50/27	78/36	93/38	57/23	20/14	298	138	41124	
W9HLY	VERN	IN	75/34	78/36	77/37	55/20	28/12	313	139	43507	VE3IAY	RICH	ON	50/25	62/29	70/32	50/23	11/9	242	118	28674	
W9ILY	JOHN	IL	39/22	67/31	102/38	49/23	17/5	274	119	32606	VE3SB	DAN	QC	24/16	0	33/21	42/22	11/9	110	68	7480	
N9TK	JIM	IL	55/31	34/23	92/38	28/14	0	209	106	22154	VA3XRZ	JULIO	ON	16/13	36/20	20/16	27/16	7/5	106	70	7420	
N9SDL	KIM	WI	16/11	84/38	68/29	32/19	6/3	206	100	20600	VA3PC	PAUL	ON	0	0	20/15	28/15	10/7	58	37	2146	
K9BJM	LARRY	IL	27/18	26/20	63/32	20/9	4/3	140	82	11480	VE6YR	BOB	AB	20/15	86/36	104/33	110/34	18/14	338	132	44616	
N2BJ	BARRY	IL	15/13	50/25	45/22	21/11	4/3	135	74	9990	VE7FO	JIM	BC	0	8/8	59/29	86/36	74/32	227	105	23835	
K9PY	JERRY	IL	39/22	27/20	25/17	22/11	7/6	120	76	9120	VE7ASK	BUD	BC	33/16	46/24	80/33	30/12	2/1	191	86	16426	
W9/XE1XOE	MIGUEL	IN	19/12	32/19	49/27	16/10	4/3	120	71		VE9DX	ANDY	NB	34/22	92/35	30/20	17/11	2/2	175	90	15750	
8520											ZF2NT	BRUCE	ZF	10/6	78/33	135/39	118/48	101/39	442	165	72930	
N9KO	CALVIN	IL	6/5	51/27	35/22	19/11	2/1	113	66	7458												
W9OL	WEASEL	IL	27/19	35/23	21/14	10/5	1/1	94	62	5828	CX7BF	WALTER	CX	0	0	105/43	93/38	0	198	81	16038	
K9JUS	JON	IL	16/0	98/24	13/12	0	0	127	36	4572	JA1XRH	TAC	JA	0	0	19/14	47/25	1/1	67	40	2680	
W9THD	TIM	IN	24/16	24/15	17/9	11/8	0	76	48	3648	UX0FF	NICK	UX	0	34/20	7/5	14/9	0	55	34	1870	
KA9VHG	JIM	WI	0	0	34/22	14/7	8/4	56	33	1848	YU7AM	ARPAD	YU	0	4/4	14/10	19/16	0	37	30	1110	
WA9ALS	JOHN	IN	0	39/28	3/3	1/1	0	43	32	1376	JA1BHK	MASA	JA	0	0	12/11	24/15	0	36	26	936	
KF9LI	GOR	OH	0	12/8	15/12	10/8	4/3	41	31	1271	VR2BG	ALEX	VR	0	0	1/1	11/7	0	12	8	96	
KB9BVN	BRIAN	IN	0	1/1	25/17	18/9	0	44	27	1188	OK2ZJ	ZDENEK	OK	0	0	0	9/9	0	9	9	81	
AH6OZ	WIZ	HI	0	25/19	73/32	103/39	119/44	320	134	42880												
AH6HH	SNEIDA	HI	0	15/13	22/13	8/5	0	45	31	1395												
KH6GMP	GARY	HI	0	5/3	25/18	0	0	28	21	588												

Check logs: W9OL, K6KYJ, W9IXX/4, W3BU1

RTTY contest from home and my second RTTY contest ever. Lots of friendly operators made it enjoyable....K7KAR: A few hardware problems but a nice length contest....K8IR: Never thought 80m would be my best band in a RTTY contest....KB9BVN: My first RTTY contest and loads of fun on a snowy day....KE4OAR: My first serious SO2R effort of any kind and I apologize to the ops I QRMed by hitting the wrong key....KI5XP: No problems this time around. Thanks to Pat (W5WMU) for use of his station. See y'all in the next one....KS0M: A lot of fun. The 40 and 80-meter bands were the best I have found them in MO for long time. Ready for the next one....KZ6O: Not much time on the air but lots of fun....N3FR: Missed most of contest due to oldies concertN4AN: Had to repeat my names often. Folks had trouble with RROYN5SMQ: My first shot at RTTY contesting and I am hooked!...N6EU: Fun contest. Thanks to the sponsors and to all who participated....N6PC: Thanks to NCJ for introducing the second NAQP. Good showing but bands tough all day....VA3PC: Contestus Interruptus. Gosh, I wish I could retire and enjoy my hobby....W0ETC: Wow! This was funW1ZT: Better score than last year and new time of year to figure out band strategy. Lots of new call signs and great 80m activity....W3MEL: Great Contest with plenty of contacts and good condx....W4UEF: Thanks for sponsoring contest and to all participants, especially to those who made it to my logW6ZZZ: Thanks to KU1CW for my only 5 band contact....W7AY: Used the name "WILKE" in honor of the original owner (SK) of my new vanity call sign....W7DPW: Great Contest with good band condx. Nice wx to be indoors....W9ILY: Had a lot of fun. High winds caused vertical to go horizontal. Sure changes the SWR! TNX to all....WA9ALS: No time but wanted to show participation....WG8Y: This was my first time in the NAQP RTTY. Only my third stab at RTTY tests and think I'm hooked....WO4D: Nice contest. My best results as a part time player so far....K8RT: Great RTTY ContestK9PY: First time participating in this contest, very enjoyable. **NCJ**