

RTTY Contesting

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Results of the July '97 RTTY North American QSO Party

The second running of the RTTY North American QSO Party surely had to experience the worst conditions in the history of the NAQP on any mode. Conditions were the pits at best. However, it did take place with fair results considering conditions. There were some 110 logs received this year with some first timers to RTTY contesting making their debut. At the end, it came down to K3MM, AA5AU and W4WX going to the winners circle.

Tyler K3MM (Ty in the contest) took the honors beating everyone in both QSO and Multiplier count. He posted numbers of 371 and 116 respectively. Don, AA5AU, finished second as he did last year. Don had some rig troubles. He lost his second radio, a TS-870, in the middle of the contest which caused problems gathering mults. Don had 348 QSOs with 105 Mults. With Don losing his second radio, Tyler was the only one of the top three using two radios. Using two radios, even in RTTY mode, is definitely an added bonus tactic. Bill, W4WX, our Third Place finisher, didn't mention anything about having problems. He did the best he could do with conditions like they were. Bill had 347 QSOs with 102 Mults.

The race for the top slot was sought after the heaviest by the W1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 operators. Contestants from all of these call areas made the Top Ten. 20 and 40 meters were the workhorse bands again this year. Bruce, WT4I, had the largest number of QSOs and Mults on twenty meters with 178 contacts and 48 multipliers. Bruce says using *Rttyrite Contest S/W for Windows*, giving him the capability of using two radios on one screen, was the way to go. This was his first serious effort using two radios. He is planning on a more serious effort next year after he has had a year's experience of using two radios. Bruce, who finished tenth in last years Top Ten list, placing fourth this year. It looks like he may be someone we will have to deal with next year. Nice job, Bruce. AA5AU led the pack with 148 QSOs on 40 meters. K3MM and W4WX tied with 40 mults each on 40 meters. Tyler, K3MM, did a repeat performance of last year's results by leading everyone on 80, this year managing 82 contacts and 29 multipliers.

The Multiop category was won by K5DJ. Operators were Ron, K5DJ, and George, K5TR, operating at W5KFTs ranch station. We had expected a larger number of Multi/2 entries this year. NAQP



"RTTY Contesting" author, Ron, K5DJ at the controls of W5KFT in the '97 RTTY NAQP.

is the only contest in RTTY mode with a Multi/2 category. I'm sure there will be more entries as conditions improve.

The results of the Team Competition stayed about the same as last year with thirteen (13) teams submitting scores. The RTTY Rats once again took top

honors with a combined score of 146,411 points.

Although this is a North American event, we didn't want to leave the DX stations out. Again this year, we had the Jet Set Team filled with four DX stations and W2JGR/0 participating. Even though DX stations are not multipliers in NAQP, they seem to have a lot of fun and want to participate in our contest. We certainly appreciate the excitement they bring to the contest. Since there had not be an opportunity for a DX station to win anything, Will, KN6DV, offered to sponsor a plaque for DX stations. Starting with this year's results, we are giving a Top Single Operator DX (Non-North American) plaque. This year's winner is Sante, IK0HBN. Sante had a 105 QSOs with 49 Mults scoring 5,635 points. In years to come, I am sure there will be even more action from around the world to win this new plaque.

Other Plaque winners were K3MM winning the Single Operator Plaque and K5DJ winning the Multi/2 plaque.

While we are on the subject of

Team Scores:

RTTY Rats	SCCC	Florida Boys	Purveyors of Doom
K3MM 43,036	KD5ZM 31,300	WT4I 34,238	AA5AU 36,330
WF1B 34,112	KN6DV 28,320	K4QD 27,720	WA4ZXA 22,606
K7WM 26,558	K6LL 24,472	KF4FY 23,180	VE6KRR 21,163
WS7I 25,938	K2PS 22,950	AF4Z 22,816	W5/G0AZT 18,343
NA4M 16,767	W7GG 16,480	K4PX 12,210	K1AM 12,180
146,411	123,522	120,164	110,622

5. Mark & Space Cadets:(N1JEB, VE6RAJ, KK5OQ, K4GMH, N1RCT)	106,723
6. Hired Gun Team:(N2DL, WB5B, AA6TY/7, NO2T)	93,800
7. Woodridge Warriors:(KA4RRU, W4DC, WA4MME, N3IXR)	68,468
8. Badgers:(AA9RR, K9CK, W9ICS, WA4GKM)	61,235
9. Bucketeers:(K7ON, VE7OR, W4LC, IK0HBN, N8YYS)	55,800
10. Jet Stream:(K8OSF, NH6XM, N9THC, JH1HRJ)	42,485
11. Team SDF:(K4WW, NK4P)	30,228
12. Jet Set:(GW5NF, OH2LU, OH2GI, W2JGR/0)	24,512
13. Weekend Warriors:(KB3AFT)	8255

1997 NAQP RTTY FINAL RESULTS:

Top Ten:

Call	Score	Q's	Mlts	10	15	20	40	80	Team
1. K3MM	43,036	371	116	5/3	9/6	153/38	129/40	82/29	RTTY Rats
2. AA5AU	36,330	346	105	2/2	6/4	252/40	138/35	48/24	P.of Doom
3. W4WX	35,088	347	102	0/0	0/0	176/43	134/40	37/19	
4. WT4I	34,238	323	106	2/1	4/2	178/48	99/24	40/21	FL Boys
5. WF1B	34,112	328	104	2/2	8/7	157/39	115/34	52/22	RTTY Rats
6. WB5B	32,970	320	105	0/0	3/2	154/38	124/41	39/24	Hired Gun
7. KD5ZM	31,300	313	100	0/0	0/0	116/33	129/39	68/28	SCCC
8. N1RCT	29,109	315	93	0/0	0/0	149/38	109/32	55/23	Mark/Space
9. KN6DV	28,320	295	96	0/0	14/6	138/41	126/39	23/20	SCCC
10. KA4RRU	28,310	298	95	5/2	10/4	103/30	108/34	74/25	Warriors

plaques, starting next year we will have another plaque offered in NAQP RTTY mode contest. Every year the Japanese JARTS contest offers a "13th from the Bottom" of the final results award. It was a surprise to see just how many ops there are that try to win this award in their contest. Having observed this phenomenon, Eddie, W6/G0AZT, decided to sponsor a new plaque for the "Best Name Award used in North America" to stimulate activity in RTTY NAQP competitions. To qualify, one must make 100 QSOs and the name used must be rated PG while not containing more than ten letters. Since I doubt many serious con-

testers will consider using a ten letter name, here is a chance for everyone to go all out and win a plaque. Eddie will be the judge of the "Best Name Award."

We want to thank each and everyone who participated in the **1997 RTTY NAQP Contest**. It is always nice to see ops, like Dave, K6LL, who do not normally operate in RTTY mode participating show up to join in on the fun. *We hope to see even more of the CW/SSB crowd next year.*

SOAPBOX:

This was the worst conditions of all times...K3MM. Sorry for such a low score, too many Murphy's...VE3UR. All in all, it was

a fun contest. I will get 200+Q's next year...K8SIA. Great contest had a lot of fun...KD5ZM. My first RTTY contest as a S/Op. Good conditions on 15m would have made this a great test...KA3AFT. RTTY contests are a blast. I wish I could have devoted more time to this one...K3PP. My first time in this short, but fun con-test...NH6XM. I may have won NAQP if everyone else forgets to send in a log. hi...ON9CNC. Sure miss 15m!...N6GG. Got to get better antennas or else order more sunspots...AC5DK. This was my first NAQP RTTY contest, but not my last...KK5CA Txn for your efforts to make this a great test. I'll be back next year...W4WX. What miserable conditions...N4AN. With no antennas no great score...K1AM. Great contest...W5XD. ■

Single Operator Category:

1	WF1B	328	104	34,112	RI	RTTY Rats
	N1RCT	315	93	29,109	ME	Mark & Space Cadets
	N1JEB	198	83	16,434	MA	Mark & Space Cadets
	K1AM	174	70	12,180	RI	Purveyors of Doom
	WZ1Q	98	45	4,410	MA	
2	K2PS	255	90	22,950	NJ	SCCC-1
	N2DL	218	92	20,056	NY	Hired Gun
	NO2T	225	87	19,575	NJ	Hired Gun
	WB2HMF	150	63	9,450	NY	
3	K3MM *	371	116	43,036	MD	RTTY Rats
	NE3H	229	85	19,923	PA	
	N3IXR	148	73	10,658	PA	Woodridge Warriors
	KB3ATF	127	65	8,255	PA	Weekend Warriors
	KA3TOV	120	57	6,840	PA	
	W3KB	105	53	5,565	PA	
	KC3LV	90	58	5,220	PA	
	K3PP	85	49	4,165	PA	
	W2UP	83	46	3,818	PA	
4	W4WX	347	102	35,088	FL	
	WT4I	323	106	34,238	FL	Florida Boys
	KA4RRU	298	95	28,310	VA	Woodridge Warriors
	K4QD	280	99	27,720	FL	Florida Boys
	KT4FY	244	95	23,180	FL	Florida Boys
	AF4Z	248	92	22,816	FL	Florida Boys
	W4ZXA	254	89	22,606	NC	Purveyors of Doom
	K4GMH	263	83	21,580	VA	Mark & Space Cadets
	K4WW	231	88	20,328	KY	Team SDF
	WA4MME	200	81	16,200	VA	Woodridge Warriors
	WA4GKM	187	72	13,464	TN	Badgers
	W4DC	175	76	13,300	VA	Woodridge Warriors
	K4PX	165	74	12,210	FL	The Florida Boys
	NK4P	150	66	9,900	KY	Team SDF
	K8OSF	128	72	9,216	FL	Jet Stream
	W4LC	137	52	7,072	KY	Bucketeers
	N4AN	126	54	6,804	AL	
	N4UL	107	61	6,527	KY	
	W4JLS	92	49	4,508	VA	
	NT4D	50	32	1,600	NC	
	KE4KMG	23	18	414	TN	
5	AA5AU	346	105	36,330	LA	Purveyors of DOOM
	WB5B	320	105	32,970	TX	Hired Gun Team
	KD5ZM	313	100	31,300	AR	SCCC
	KK5OQ	262	82	21,484	MS	Mark & Space Cadets
	NA4M	207	81	16,767	TX	RTTY Rats
	AC5DK	87	51	4,437	AR	
	K5IC	106	35	3,710	NM	
	K5RAC	84	43	3,612	TX	
	KK5CA	69	41	2,829	TX	
	KI5IB	54	34	1,836	MS	
	KA5T	40	29	1,160	TX	
6	KN6DV	295	96	28,320	CA	SCCC
	W6/G0AZT	221	84	18,343	CA	Purveyors of DOOM
	W3SE	145	71	10,295	CA	
	N6GG	175	70	12,250	CA	
	K6HGF	169	65	10,985	CA	
	WA6BOB	115	60	6,900	CA	
	AC6JT	74	39	2,886	CA	

7	K7WM	271	98	26,558	AZ	RTTY Rats
	WS7I	262	99	25,938	WA	RTTY Rats
	K6LL	268	92	24,472	AZ	SCCC
	K7ON	248	83	20,584	AZ	Bucketeers
	W7GG	207	80	16,480	OR	SCCC
	K7MK	148	69	10,212	ID	
	AA6TY/7	126	61	7,686	AZ	Hired Gun Team
	AA7CP	134	57	7,638	OR	
	N7VGO	125	54	6,750	WA	
	KB7SLJ	69	29	2,001	AZ	
	KK7A	39	27	1,053	ID	
8	KD8FS	234	93	21,762	MI	
	N8YYS	124	63	7,812	WV	Bucketeers
	K8AB	102	58	5,916	OH	
	W8PT	84	50	4,200	WV	
	K8SIA	105	39	4,095	MI	
	W8IDM	38	22	836	OH	
9	N9CK	279	99	27,423	WI	Badgers
	WO9S	266	98	26,068	IL	
	AA9RR	203	92	18,203	WI	Badgers
	N9THC	207	86	17,802	IL	Jet Stream
	W9ISC	38	19	722	WI	Badgers
0	KA0WWT	130	59	7,670	CO	
	W0HW	58	35	2,030	MN	
	N8GM	53	30	1,590	MI	
	W2JGR/0	242	85	20,570	MN	Jet Set

North American Countries Single Operator:

VP5JM	266	85	22,610		
NH6XM	100	50	5,000	HI	Jet Stream

Canada Single Operator:

VE3WZ	55	37	2,035	ON	
VE6KRR	249	85	21,165	AB	Purveyors of DOOM
VE6RAJ	216	83	17,928	AB	Mark & Space Cadets
VE7OR	205	70	14,350	BC	Bucketeers
VE7SOD	133	56	7,448	BC	
VE7TLK	122	45	5,490	BC	

DX Stations Single Operator:

DL4RCK	29	16	464		
GW5NF	89	38	3,382		Jet Set
IK0HBN *	115	49	5,635		Bucketeers
KP3S	58	32	1,856		
OH2GI	19	16	304		Jet Set
OH2LU	17	12	221		Jet Set
JA1HRJ	18	12	216		Jet Stream

Multi/2 Category:

KD1LZ	110	36	3,960	NH	Ops: KD1LZ, N1SNB
K5DJ *	515	146	75,190	TX	Ops: K5DJ, K5TR
					@(W5KFT)
AA7UN	323	93	30,039	ID	Ops: AA7UN, KJ7TH

Canada Multi/2 Category:

VE3UR	91	45	2,184	ON	Ops: VE3UR, VE3VDG, VE3PKA
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Check Logs: N5LUQ, W5UIT, W5VBT, W0QDL, WB0DRV, K5HCJ, N0AO/6, K2UT

* 1997 NAQP RTTY Plaque Winners. ■