

September 2007 North American Sprint CW Results

Boring Amateur Radio Club

The 61st CW Sprint took place September 9 UTC. We received 171 logs, and 255 stations were active in the contest. With the "extra" daylight in September, 20 meters was open for both coasts at the start of the contest and hung in there long enough for most East Coast stations to work about a third of their contacts on that band. Forty meters was the money band for most participants, but 80 was in good enough shape for eight stations to break 100, and a couple even topped 110. Multipliers were plentiful. Three stations worked 47 mults, and seven snagged 46.

Many stations opted to use the name "Phil" in memory of Phil Goetz, N6ZZ, who became a Silent Key following the last CW Sprint. At least one station was actually sending "P5IL," but hardly anyone seemed to notice the difference.

QRP Category

One of the most significant challenges in the CW Sprint is to operate it running only 5 W. You end up constantly being beaten out when you find a new station, and sometimes you actually get better results by just finding an empty place on the band and CQing your heart out. Al, KC5R, has operated this contest QRP several times now from Louisiana. He must have figured something out, because he nearly doubled his previous best effort and ended up first among the QRP entries. Second place went to Kyle, WA4PGM, with a very respectable 100 total QSOs. Jon, NØLY, came in third from Missouri, closely followed by Brian, NA4BW, and Dan, KEØG. The QRP station with an attitude (Bob, N6WG) finished sixth, while Dave, KD4HXT, finished off the list of QRP stations operating from California.

Many states/provinces haven't had a QRP entry yet, so if you are looking for a sure way to get your call sign into the record book, this might interest you.

Low Power Category

In the low power category, Scott, KA9FOX, was able to put enough distance between himself and the rest of the pack to pull off a victory. Stan, K5GO, came in second, with Yuri, VE3DZ, and Danny, K7SS, right behind. Pat, NAØN, came in fifth, and Kevin, N5DX, placed sixth. I believe Kevin might have been at the same location as K5GO's operation. Bruce, AA5B, operated at K5TA to capture seventh place, with W5JAW, N7CW and WØETT rounding out the Top 10.

High Power

After only having one victory from California in this contest for about 30 years, we now have a third with Dan, N6MJ, piloting W6Y1 to a first-place finish. The second-



John, N2NC, at K3LR during the CQ WW SSB Contest. Perhaps those big headphones helped him to get a "Golden Log" in the CW Sprint.

place score came from the Northeast as Randy, K5ZD, found conditions to his liking. Third place went to Steve, N2IC, who seems to be enjoying his New Mexico QTH. Scott, W4PA, came in fourth, and Tree, N6TR, took fifth. The Gator™, N5RZ, hid behind the N5QQ call sign and came in sixth. Andy, N2NT, placed seventh. N4AF came in eighth and K1KI and N6TV tied for ninth. It's always interesting to see an

even distribution of stations from across the nation showing up in the Top 10.

Team Competition

Once again, the Northern California Contest . . . **Wait! STOP THE PRESSES!** The Austin Powers Dashers upset the NCCC — the perennial winner — by slightly more than 2000 points. It's been about 80 years since the NCCC has failed to win the club competition. The Southern California Contest Club came in third followed by the Southern Sprint Coalition.

In all, 20 teams registered. This continues to be the best way to support the activity level in the contest. Why not get a team together for February?

Golden Logs

The log checking software in this contest has absolutely *no* sense of humor. Nearly every QSO is checked for accuracy as well as cross-checked against the other station's log. Nonetheless, 16 stations ended up with golden logs with no score reductions.

Congratulations to Mark, N5OT; John, K4BAI, and John, N2NC (operator at K2TOP) who managed to pull this off and still

Team Scores

Austin Powers Dashers	Northern California Contest Club #1	Southern California Contest Club #1	Southern Sprint Coalition
N4OGW 14,706	N6TV 14,715	W6YI 15,928	W4PA 15,456
W5KFT 13,662	N6RO 13,590	K6LA 14,476	K4BAI 14,625
K5OT 12,980	W6YX 13,365	N6AN 13,583	W4OC 14,306
K5WA 12,915	K6XX 13,079	W6EEN 12,915	K4RO 12,599
KZ5D 12,420	N6XI 12,232	K6NA 12,672	N4OX 11,880
WØBH 12,276	AE6Y 11,521	N6VR 11,088	KU8E 10,707
KU1CW 12,169	KF6T 11,137	AC6T 10,922	K1ZZI 7640
W5WMU 11,655	K6RB 10,836	W6SJ 5092	NA4BW 3400
N5DO 11,528	W6RGG 10,560		
N9NB 8200	W6EU 9408		
Total 122,511	Total 120,443	Total 96,676	Total 90,613

- Sprintin' Ain't Easy #1 (W9RE, N9CK, KA9FOX, WT9U, WI9WI, KØOU, K9MMS, K8GU, KE9I, K9KM) 89,377
- YCCC #1 (K5ZD, K1KI, N1LI, W1WEF, N2GC, W1EBI, WA1Z, NP3D, W1JQ)..... 84,082
- MRRRC/NCC (K9NW, K3UA, N8EA, K3LR, N9RV, W1NN, KL7RA, N8SS)..... 70,123
- PhilHarmonic — N6ZZ Memorial (N6TR, NØAX, K7SS, K7RL, NG7Z, K7WA) 59,665
- FRC #1 (N2NT, K3WW, N3AD, WW2Y, K3MJW, WQ2N) 53,453
- Austin Powers Ditters (K5GO, N5DX, W5JAW, W5ZL, NO5W, AC5AA) 52,062
- PVRC (N4AF, N4ZR, K7SV, K3STX, AJ1M, K4GMH) 51,197
- Jackelope (N7FO, KO7AA, KY7M, N7CW, K7WP)..... 49,899
- FRC #2 (K2TOP, AA3B, W2RQ, W2GD)..... 48,835
- NCCC #2 (W6SX, K9YC, W6CT, K6LRN, N3ZZ, K6OWL, W6NF, N6WG, W6RK, K6CSL)..... 43,942
- Mountaineers (N2IC, WØETT, KO7X, KØUK) 32,034
- CCO (VE3DZ, VA3NR, VE3KI, VE3RCN)..... 22,964
- Sprintin' Ain't Easy #2 (KJ9C, N9FC, WW9R, K9ZT, KM9M)..... 13,808
- MWA (NAØN, NØAT)..... 13,299
- NCCC #3 (AD6E, K5RC, KA3DRR, N6EE)..... 9368
- SCCC #2 (NE6I, K6EY)..... 1827

Guest Operators

AC6T (@W6RFU)	K5XR (W5ASP)	W5KFT (K5PI)
K2TOP (N2NC)	N1LI (K1DG)	W6CT (@K6TD)
K3MJW (K3MD)	N1YC (9V1YC)	W6EEN (N6RT)
K3UA (@K3LR)	N5QQ (N5RZ)	W6YI (N6MJ)
K5OT (@K5NA)	N7FO (KN5H)	W6YX (N7MH)
K5TA (AA5B)	NP3D (EW1AR)	

put more than 300 QSOs in their logs. Honorable mention goes to N6RT (at W6EEN), K1DG (at N1LI), WØBH, KA9FOX, VE3DZ, NAØN and W6CT, who all had golden logs containing more than 200 QSOs.

Records

There's lots of new ink in the record book this time around. Doug, K1DG, turned on the amplifier at his new Maine QTH and now holds both the low and high power records. Brian, NA4BW, improved on his QRP record from Georgia with exactly 100 QSOs. Kyle, WA4PGM, posted the first QRP score from Virginia, racking up more than 5000 points! Stan, K5GO, in Arkansas beat the 12-year-old record for low power previously held by N8VV. Al, KC5R, almost doubled his Louisiana QRP record of four years earlier. Eric, K6VVA, operated portable from Alaska and established a new low power record. Bob, WØBH, improved his Kansas record from last year's in the high power category. Finally, John, P4Ø/W2GD, and Zep, ON5ZO, submitted the first-ever scores from their respective countries.

Next Time

In order to eliminate the QRM we've been experiencing from a major RTTY contest, the CW and phone sprints will swap weekends in February. The CW event now will be held first, followed by the SSB event. While this sets up a minor conflict with the FOC contest, this should be less of an issue than the RTTY contest has presented recently. **Mark your calendar:** The next NCJ CW Sprint will be February 3 UTC (that's February 2 local time in the US and Canada).

Teams should register via the NCJ Web. www.ncjweb.com. Participants may submit logs via e-mail, cwsprint@kkn.net or by using the log submission form on the NCJ Web site. **Remember: Logs are due seven days after the contest!**

We typically post final scores within two weeks of the contest, and these are announced on the CQ-Contest reflector.

Check out the Web resources, n6tr.jzap.com/sprint.html, as well as the rules, records and previous results on the NCJ Web page, www.ncjweb.com. The CQ-Contest reflector is also a great place to ask questions about this contest. Visit lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/CQ-Contest to learn more about this resource.

Soapbox

AA5B: Many thanks to Scott, K5TA, for letting me operate his station.

AC5AA: Boy, without much CW practice lately, my performance and concentration were really poor. Thanks to all the super ops who gave me fills (and "Phils!") when needed.

KØUK: Prime rib, red wine, baked potato, salad and big piece of double dark chocolate cake. It's amazing how well my CW gets after a half bottle of Napa Valley's

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
W6YI	15,928	84	3	104	89	85	84
K5ZD	15,686	49	2	105	84	78	74
N2IC	15,576	114	3	111	89	72	82
W4PA	15,456	145	9	94	93	79	73
N6TR	15,444	93	6	96	95	79	82
N5QQ	15,224	106	9	94	91	77	85
N2NT	15,136	146	3	98	93	80	73
N4AF	15,030	91	6	91	84	80	80
K1KI	14,715	4	4	88	91	74	74
N6TV	14,715	28	2	94	86	76	72

Top 10 QSOs

W6YI	362
N2IC	354
N6TR	351
N5QQ	346
N2NT	344
N4OGW	342
K5ZD	341
W4PA	336
N4AF	334
W9RE	332

Top 10 Mults

K6LA	47
KO7AA	47
N6AN	47
K3LR	46
K5ZD	46
KZ5D	46
N7FO	46
W4OC	46
W4PA	46
W5KFT	46

Top 10 Low Power

KA9FOX	11,572
K5GO	11,396
VE3DZ	11,385
K7SS	11,352
NAØN	10,692
N5DX	10,496
K5TA	10,332
W5JAW	9954
N7CW	9758
WØETT	9282

Top 10 QRP

KC5R	6942
WA4PGM	5112
NØLY	3570
NA4BW	3400
KEØG	3267
N6WG	1988
KD4HXT	1242

Golden Logs (QSOs)

N5OT	326
K4BAI	325
K2TOP	303
W6EEN	287
N1LI	286
WØBH	279
KA9FOX	263
VE3DZ	253
NAØN	243
W6CT	211
N1YC	145
W8UE	122
K6VVA	116
VE3KI	70
W6RKC	12
ON5ZO	11

Top 10 Band Changes

KU1CW	198
W9RE	158
N2NT	146
W4PA	145
N4OGW	131
N2IC	114
AA3B	110
N5DX	107
N5QQ	106
N6TR	93

best, but it was fun. CU on SSB.

K3MJW: Technical difficulties last hour or would have had 220-230 QSOs.

K4RO: We miss you, OM Phil.

K5ZD: Just back from a busy work week in Europe. The jet lag kicked in during hour 3 and it was all I could do to keep going! At least the thunderstorms that came through New England stayed to the north and west of me.

K6CSL: A really rough exercise with 100 W and "invisible antennas!"

K6VVA: TS-480 @ 100 W LP to a fixed mobile screwdriver and whip with two radials per band from KL7 at this part of the sunspot cycle was an adventure in masochism. Being close to saltwater did help. Way too many unanswered CQs, but P4Ø/W2GD called for a nice surprise!

K7SV: Decided to work the contest with the little antennas/low power from home rather than big antennas/HP from the NR4M QTH. Loads of fun trying to put SO2R to good advantage. Sprint isn't the best contest to get the knack of SO2R under new software! Missed two mults that I heard (VE7 and AL).

K8MM: I was plagued by equipment problems at the beginning and missed a lot of the first hour. See you in the spring.

K9NW: Great performance by the "Phil" harmonic orchestra!

KA3DRR: Four hours vaporized, and I was left in the chair mumbling, "Wow, wow." Stellar fun, and I'm looking forward

to the next one. Operate Sprint style! Yaesu FT-100 running 40 W into a center-fed inverted L doublet.

KA9FOX: Bands were in surprisingly good shape. Can't believe I missed Ohio! Still resisting SO2R in Sprints (one radio seems to keep me plenty busy). Only 2 band changes this time.

KD4HXT: First-ever CW Sprint, and I enter as QRP Nutty, but fun. This contest is not easy. QRM on 40 was a killer, and I wonder how anybody heard my signal.

KEØG: A great night for a Sprint! I worked Hawaii on 20, Alaska on 40, and Maine on 80, running QRP with wire antennas. Thanks to all who dug out my signal.

KJ9C: THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A DRUNK.

N6AN: Wow! What a Phun, Pitting tribute! Thank you, Phil! RIP, OM. With the W6UE TS-950 acting up, including no output on 20, I decided to install my TS-440 for the contest. After a bit of fiddling I got things all set about three hours before the contest with help from my 11 year old son, Alan. He even had some fun playing with my keyer and paddle. Not knowing if there would be a minute of silence, I hesitated. But as signals exploded I just dove in, too. Twenty was great for the first 15 minutes or so, then started slowing down. One of my slowest first hours with 75 QSOs. And I went to 40 much earlier than usual, which picked the rate up. My second hour was

86 and included a 10-minute revisit to 20 for four mults in 13 Qs. During the third hour I tuned the whole band and found only dupes. *Arrgh!* I experienced several "deer-in-the-headlights" moments (third hour, 58 Qs) when my rate simply seemed to stop. At 0236 I tried 80, quite early for me, and found nine QSOs in six minutes before diving back to 40. At 0259 I went back to 80 for good. I wish there were twice as many loud CA stations to help the rate. N2GC, K3UA, W2RQ, VA3NR and N1LI were the only stations I could work on the East Coast. Thanks to K4TD for AL, my only mult on 80. 300 Qs where are you? Not with a 73 last hour. But the mults were very cooperative. I think the "soft" CW filter in the TS-440 may have been helpful in hearing some new mults on either side of me as I finished a QSO. With a VE6 and ZF2 reported there may have been as many as 49 or 50 available. VE2ED was a nice catch, though a tough QSO to complete. Thanks for your patience, Jean. Two copy issues came up for me during the contest. When I worked "K1ZZ" in GA named Ralph I was really puzzled until we worked again and I got the ZZI. Whew! Then KØOU sent me 219 in heavy QRM/N, but then I thought I heard him sending 210 to his next QSO, after which he disappeared. Such a dilemma, which number to put in the log, like changing an answer on a multiple choice test, hi! Well, I left in 219 and will take my lumps. [It was 209, and you lost the QSO — Ed.]. Time to get a better 80 meter antenna. Thank you all for the QSOs and another great Sprint!

N6TV: First NA Sprint using *Win-Test* and also new Force 12 rotary 80 meter dipole. Both worked great!

N6WG: Well, as usual, I gave it my best shot, but, as usual, it wasn't very impressive.

Had fun, though, so it was still worth doing. Got off to a slow start, mostly just CQing to see what I could stir up. Later I got into the proper rhythm of the contest, but didn't really pick up some rate until the last hour on 80. My biggest peeve is identifying a station CQing just as he decides to vacate the frequency and go somewhere else. Missed quite a few that way. Just have to get there faster, I guess. Now looking forward to the SSB Sprint. See you there. 73, Bob, "The Little Station with Attitude"

N6X1: First Sprint with K3. Rig worked well. Grounding glitch on computer degraded SO2R operation. Missed NV, only 20 miles away.

N7EIE: This is one of the most challenging contests out there, The code speed seems faster every time! CU in February.

N8NA: It was harder to transition back and forth between two-radio and one-radio than I'd anticipated. Not every segment of the contest lent itself well to two-radio operation from here this time.

N9RV: Used K7BG's station. Made emergency switch to paper after 53 QSOs. Those skills have deteriorated seriously.

NA4K: Thanks to Jeff, K4BP, for letting me operate from his station. I did not have to worry about TVI/RFI reports.

NG7Z: Best I've done in this contest so far. My goal was 200, but I fell far short. Got beat out a lot of times because of slow fingers on the keyboard and failure to copy call signs fast enough. This is one demanding event. Hearing 250, 349, 256, etc for QSO numbers makes me shake my head in disbelief. How do these guys do it?

NN5K: In honor of Phil Goetz, N6ZZ

NO5W: It was one of those woulda, shoulda, coulda sprints but one of my best efforts as I coulda broken through the 200

Q barrier if I woulda put up that 80 meter dipole. Shoulda done it — hopefully next time. The bands were pretty nice here in the Houston area, much quieter than they have been for the Thursday night practice sessions. Thanks to the NCCC for sponsoring those fun events and to W9RE for those slow-speed warm-up sessions. I think that participation in the NS is one reason that I coulda broken 200 if only I woulda done that antenna work. No doubt about it, the CW Sprints are the most fun you can have in radio. 73, Chuck

NP3D: Wow! First time in this game! I know now two things: (a) I don't know CW, and (b) most common name in USA is PHIL. Thanks to all for the QSOs; sorry if I screwed up somebody. 73, Andrei (Andy), EW1AR

W1JQ: Good physical therapy . . . great condx!

W2GD: Well worth the effort to make the station ready. As always *great ops*.

W5KFT: I've only been able to do one Sprint in the last three years and none of the NS events. Boy, was I rusty! I've got to find a way to get the home station going for SO2R to get in the Thursday night action.

W6RK: 45 minutes was enough this time.

W6RKC: This is the first time in probably 25 years that I have tried a Sprint. Had the format OK and could copy the CW no problem, but my heart rate doubled with every contact. A great cardio workout!

WI9WI: Our golden retriever, Brie, died the Monday before the contest. She was a good radio dog, spending many contests with me at our cabin and coming with me on several mobile forays in the WIQP and MIQP. Hence the unusual name, "Brie."

WW9R: Wow, that was great fun! How can four hours fly by so fast? I heard some great CW out there tonight.

CW Sprint Records through September 2007

QTH	Pwr	Date	Call Sign	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score	QTH	Pwr	Date	Call Sign	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score
CT	H	Sep 2003	K1K1	153	132	84	369	50	18,450	AL	H	Feb 2004	K4NO	115	98	67	280	48	13,440
CT	L	Sep 1999	NT1N	122	115	43	280	49	13,720	AL	L	Sep 2003	K4IQJ	70	89	60	219	44	9636
CT	Q									AL	Q	Feb 1998	KJ3V	0	8	0	8	7	56
MA	H	Feb 2003	K5ZD	136	144	85	365	54	19,710	FL	H	Feb 2003	N2NL	151	139	67	357	55	19,635
MA	L	Feb 2003	K1HT	72	106	114	292	50	14,600	FL	L	Sep 2003	KØLUZ	118	132	0	250	47	11,750
MA	Q	Sep 2003	NB1B	75	29	3	107	33	3,531	FL	Q	Sep 1999	N4BP	119	51	0	170	34	5780
ME	H	Sep 2007	N1LI (K1DG)	102	115	69	286	45	12,870	GA	H	Sep 2003	K4AAA (W4AN)	146	170	88	404	54	21,816
ME	L	Sep 2006	N1LI (K1DG)	89	106	49	244	43	10,492	GA	L	Feb 2003	KU8E	42	124	81	247	48	11,856
ME	Q									GA	Q	Sep 2007	NA4BW	24	38	38	100	34	3400
NH	H	Feb 2003	K1DG	129	119	83	331	50	16,550	KY	H	Sep 1998	K4LT	82	107	92	281	44	12,364
NH	L	Feb 2002	K1BX	131	76	62	269	47	12,643	KY	L	Feb 2002	K4FXN	103	98	53	254	45	11,430
NH	Q	Feb 2003	AB1AV	2	0	0	2	2	4	KY	Q								
RI	H	Feb 2002	K1G	122	95	93	310	47	14,570	NC	H	Sep 2003	N4AF	98	129	115	342	49	16,758
RI	L	Feb 2004	AJ1M	7	6	0	13	13	169	NC	L	Feb 1995	K7GM	73	101	69	243	45	10,935
RI	Q	Sep 2006	KO1H	10	8	0	18	9	162	NC	Q	Feb 1998	W4WS (N4VHK)	13	23	13	49	24	1176
VT	H	Feb 2004	NT1Y (W4PA)	116	175	47	338	48	16,224	SC	H	Sep 2003	W4OC	108	107	83	298	46	13,708
VT	L	Sep 1999	W1EAT	38	33	33	104	35	3640	SC	L	Sep 2003	W4OC	87	92	116	295	50	14,750
VT	Q	Sep 2004	WT1L	18	2	18	38	21	798	SC	Q								
NJ	H	Feb 2003	N2NT	88	158	134	380	51	19,380	TN	H	Sep 2003	W4PA	134	163	96	393	51	20,043
NJ	L	Feb 1999	K2SQ	94	101	85	280	46	12,880	TN	L	Sep 2003	K4AMC	77	127	66	270	47	12,690
NJ	Q	Feb 2007	K2RQ	0	29	38	67	30	2,010	TN	Q								
NY	H	Feb 2002	K2UA	113	123	85	321	50	16,050	VA	H	Sep 1989	KT3Y	95	122	79	296	48	14,208
NY	L	Sep 2004	K2KQ	80	94	56	230	46	10,580	VA	L	Feb 2003	K7SV	84	101	115	300	52	15,600
NY	Q									VA	Q	Sep 2007	WA4PGM	38	54	50	142	36	5112
DE	H	Sep 1989	KN5H	98	102	72	272	46	12,512	AR	H	Feb 2000	K5GO	81	117	80	278	50	13,900
DE	L	Feb 2002	N8NA	107	79	76	262	45	11,790	AR	L	Sep 2007	K5GO	99	82	78	259	44	11,396
DE	Q	Sep 1999	N3DEL	6	1	0	7	5	35	AR	Q								
MD	H	Sep 1989	W3LPL	120	110	80	310	47	14,570	LA	H	Feb 1995	W5WMMU (K5GA)	105	115	86	306	48	14,688
MD	L	Sep 2002	K3MM	95	95	71	261	40	10,440	LA	L	Feb 2004	W5EKF	43	67	18	128	40	5120
MD	Q	Sep 2002	K3ESE	19	35	0	54	17	918	LA	Q	Sep 2007	KC5R	95	66	17	178	39	6942
PA	H	Sep 2004	K3NM (N2NC)	131	116	91	338	49	16,562	MS	H	Feb 2000	WQ5L	123	136	58	317	49	15,533
PA	L	Sep 2003	W1NN	87	83	59	229	46	10,534	MS	L	Feb 2005	WQ5L	95	101	57	253	40	10,120
PA	Q	Sep 2007	K3MJW	7	27	49	83	27	2,241	MS	Q	Feb 2002	WA2NYR	30	16	0	46	26	1196

