

March 2006 NA RTTY Sprint Results

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The 11th RTTY Sprint attracted over 126 participants despite poor propagation, noisy bands and reported "low activity." Fifty-six logs were submitted with 4959 QSOs and 43 different multipliers. There were another 25 call signs that didn't submit logs, yet had more than 10 QSOs across the 56 submitted logs. Scores were generally lower than some of our more memorable Sprints. Perhaps that is why many reported low activity in their soapbox comments. There were 20, 34 and 2 logs submitted for HP, LP and QRP respectively. Five stations operated SO2R. Nine self-proclaimed first-time RTTY sprinters were: AA3B, WF4W, W6RK, KO7AA, NG7Z, KU8E, WN0L (first RTTY contest!), KT0R and W0YK.

As with previous Sprints, power class didn't entirely stratify the results. W6YX (K6OWL op.) and KO1H activated the

QRP category with W6YX coming in 11th overall. N6EE topped the 34 Low Power entrants, taking 6th overall. K6LL once again took High Power honors with 9 more QSOs than W0YK. (W0YK busted K8JWT's call sign, losing not only the QSO, but also the WV multiplier, and subsequently dropped into second place. Logging errors can be costly!)

SWACC handily beat NCCC #1 this time around in the team competition. Part of their secret was to get ten operators on the air, all of whom submitted logs. Seriously, team or club competition can help increase contest activity. As a personal example, the NCCC lobbied its members to get into the ARRL 2004 RTTY Round-Up in an effort to win the first club competition gavel for that contest. Yours truly had never operated RTTY, but succumbed to peer pressure and got into that contest as my first RTTY experience. I had fun and it turned me into a monster, as I traveled to Aruba to operate the 2005 and 2006 Round-Ups. This Sprint was my fifth RTTY contest. So contact your friends, form a team for the next RTTY Sprint and help increase activity for

all of us to enjoy.

Log Checking

All logs were "Cabrillo enough" to run through the log checking software without modification. Thanks! Full exchange cross-checking was performed between all logs. There were a fair number of NIL (Not-In-Log) QSOs as well. That could be due to multiple stations on the same frequency getting confused about who is working who, but since the Sprint rules require both call signs to be sent in the exchange, this shouldn't occur very often. More probably it is due to a station deleting a QSO from their log, either inadvertently overwriting QSO data with the next exchange by forgetting to log the first contact, or thinking the QSO was invalid (no QSL message, poor copy, etc.) and striking it from their log. Make sure you have a really sound reason for deleting a QSO, because you risk causing another station to not only lose the QSO credit but also to incur a one-QSO penalty as well.

Your LCR (Log Checking Report) is available by sending an e-mail request to w0yk@arrl.net.

Golden Logs

K0JJR	63
K5WW*	59
NP3D/W2*	56
KO1H**	54
N8NA*	48
VE7FO*	36
KJ6RA*	30
5U7B	13
VE8NSD*	8

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** designates QRP

"Missing" Logs (>10 QSOs)

Call sign	Estimated QSOs
K6NR	36
W7OM	184
K6RFA	70
W7WHY	86
KK5OQ	112
N7DQ	22
WB0WIV	18
K5NRC	86
K9DJ	24
WC8VOA	60
KD4POJ	26
WA6ES	56
N0LP	62
VA7CAB	62
WW3S	28
KE0LX	22
W0RAA	74
VE7MVF	54
NJ4F	26
N1WI	24
A14FR	48
K0AMZ	194
K9MUG	26
N4BCB	46
KB3DZ	20

Top 10

	Score	Band Changes	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K6LL	8470	4	7	59	58	59	52
W0YK	8388	4	1	44	62	56	53
AD4EB	6696	74	7	54	51	48	56
AD6WL	6230	19	6	46	45	50	24
K7WM	5632	5	21	41	40	46	32
*N6EE	5181	4	2	40	35	30	42
W7WWW	4992	32	10	53	37	41	11
NB1B	4785	12	8	34	40	37	32
*W6OAT	4002	1	4	44	35	43	9
AA3B	3952	2	2	27	35	43	35
*K2PS	3864	2	3	40	19	24	45
**W6YX	3668	40	1	23	32	31	41

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Top 10 QSOs

K6LL	242
W0YK	233
AD4EB	216
AD6WL	178
K7WM	176
NB1B	165
N6EE	157
W7WWW	156
AA3B	152
W6OAT	138
K2PS	138

Top 10 Mults

W0YK	36
AD6WL	35
K6LL	35
N6EE	33
K7WM	32
W7WWW	32
AD4EB	31
W6FFH	31
NB1B	29
W6OAT	29
W7KB	29

Top 10 Low Power

N6EE	5181
W6OAT	4002
K2PS	3864
W6FFH	3348
KM6Z	2912
N7UVH	2619
W6RK	2525
W7KB	2523
VE3ESH	2461
VE3IAY	2415

Top 10 QRP

W6YX	3668
KO1H	1026

Dupes

"Legal dupes" (RTTY Sprint only) were a surprising low percentage of contacts. Perhaps this special RTTY Sprint rule is more psychological than real, but if it encourages activity that's good. It will remain in the rules for the next RTTY Sprint in October.

One log had /1, /2, /3, etc. appended to the logged call sign for each legal dupe on each band. While not a problem for log checking, it is unnecessary. The operator was probably adding the /n manually to keep his logging software from counting subsequent QSOs on the same band as dupes.

Real dupes were rare while legal dupes were common in many logs. However, the majority of real dupes were ones where there were only two intervening QSOs. This suggests that some operators may be erroneously thinking they can work a station again just three QSOs later. Of course they must wait until the fourth QSO in order to have three intervening QSOs to satisfy the legal dupe rule. K6LL and W0YK fell into a rhythm during the last half hour on 80 and worked each other almost every 4th QSO in both logs.

Remember that there must be at least three intervening QSOs in *both* logs for the legal dupe to be valid in *each* log. Four logs had a dupe removed because the other station did not have the required three intervening QSOs. However, it is

Team Competition

SWACC		NCCC #1		SMC	
AD6WL	6230	K6UM	1200	AA9DY	0
K5AM	225	KJ6RA	480	AI9L	0
K6LL	8470	N6EE	5181	K9WX	1296
K7WM	5632	W0YK	8388	N2BJ	1254
KE5OG	1078	W6OAT	4002	N9LF	429
KO7AA	1776	W6RK	2525		
N7UVH	2619	W6YX	3668	Total	2979
NB1B	4785	W6ZZZ	198		
W7WW	4992				
WA6BOB	1976	Total	25,642		
Total	37,783				

probably faster to still work the QSO than to recognize that the received serial number is less than four above the last one received from that station ... not to mention entering into a dialogue about not working each other because it is a real dupe! If everyone insures that they always have three intervening QSOs in their own log, then no one gets hurt.

Finally, remember that the three intervening QSO rule holds regardless of band. This often surprises operators who think their first QSO with a station on a new band can be within three log entries of that station on a prior band or even back-to-back contacts across bands. Not so, say the rules.

QSY Rule

There were a few infractions of the

QSY rule, some by first-time Sprinters, but also some by others. Based on the QSO times, it appeared that people may have actually QSYed, tuned around for a while looking for someone to work, and inadvertently ended up back on their last QSO frequency. While understandable, it is still a rule violation.

October RTTY Sprint

The next RTTY Sprint takes place on 8 October 2006 (UTC). Let's get some more stations active. Please campaign within your local club to get more people on. Sprints are a great way to keep your station and your skills honed without taking a huge bite out of your weekend. The Sprint QSY rule really helps practice quick and accurate tuning on RTTY.

Scores

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Call Sign	Name	QTH	20m	40m	80m	Qs	Mults	Score	Team	Call Sign	Name	QTH	20m	40m	80m	Qs	Mults	Score	Team
NB1B	DENNIS	MA	27	90	31	165	29	4785	SWACC	K6LL	DAVE	AZ	66	116	48	242	35	8470	SWACC
KO1H	**JOHN	RI	4	40	10	54	19	1026		K7WM	WAYNE	AZ	41	77	43	176	32	5632	SWACC
KK1X	*JOHN	MA	4	17	16	39	17	663		W7WW	RED	AZ	56	80	9	156	32	4992	SWACC
K2PS	*PETE	NJ	40	23	65	138	28	3864		N7UVH	*PAT	ID	28	41	24	97	27	2619	SWACC
NP3D	*ANDREI	NY	9	13	32	56	17	1064		W7KB	*RICK	UT	29	13	45	87	29	2523	
AA3B	BUD	PA	26	82	36	152	26	3952		NGZ	*PAUL	WA	16	55	11	91	22	2002	
N8NA	*KARL	DE	0	18	29	48	19	912		KO7AA	BILL	AZ	26	47	0	74	24	1776	SWACC
KB3KGP	RANDY	PA	8	29	0	37	11	407		K6UM	*STEVE	OR	12	28	17	60	20	1200	NCCC #1
AJ3M	MASA	MD	41	1	0	42	9	378		N8GU	*BOB	OH	16	60	4	83	19	1577	
AD4EB	JIM	TN	56	97	57	216	31	6696		K9WX	*TIM	IN	18	46	8	72	18	1296	SMC
KU8E	*JEFF	GA	11	54	20	84	20	1660		N2BJ	*BARRY	IL	11	52	2	66	19	1254	SMC
N4ZZ	DON	TN	55	41	0	97	17	1649		N9LF	*TIM	IN	8	22	2	33	13	429	SMC
WF4W	*RON	GA	17	32	1	52	15	780		KT0R	DAVE	MIN	5	37	19	64	26	1664	
WA4OSD	*FRANK	TN	5	22	11	39	17	663		K0JJR	JOE	MIN	24	30	9	63	23	1449	
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	0	46	0	49	11	539		WN0L	*LANCE	NE	19	41	4	66	21	1386	
K5WW	*GERT	TX	20	33	0	59	19	1121		N0AT	*RON	MIN	6	6	15	28	16	448	
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	46	3	0	49	22	1078	SWACC	VE3ESH	*IAN	VE3	17	41	44	107	23	2461	
K5AM	*MARK	NM	0	4	21	25	9	225	SWACC	VE3IAY	*RICH	VE3	11	44	38	105	23	2415	
W0YK	ED	CA	40	126	54	233	36	8388	NCCC #1	VE5CPU	BART	VE5	59	40	0	102	23	2346	
AD6WL	JIM	CA	52	116	1	178	35	6230	SWACC	VA7ST	*BUD	VE7	14	50	6	73	24	1752	
N6EE	*RON	CA	52	59	39	157	33	5181	NCCC #1	VE7FO	*JIM	VE7	1	23	10	36	16	576	
W6OAT	*RUSTY	CA	55	79	0	138	29	4002	NCCC #1	VE7AXU	*JOHN	VE7	0	12	2	14	6	84	
W6YX	**MIKE	CA	23	64	41	131	28	3668	NCCC #1	VE8NSD	*GARTH	VE8	8	0	0	8	6	48	
W6FFH	*DON	CA	28	44	31	108	31	3348		F4JRC	THIERRY	F	0	23	0	23	13	299	
KM6Z	*VLAD	CA	40	31	44	119	26	2912		5U7B	BRUCE	5U	9	4	0	13	5	65	
W6RK	*RISTO	CA	34	52	8	101	25	2525	NCCC #1										
WA6BOB	*BOB	CA	18	42	15	76	26	1976	SWACC										
KJ6RA	*RICH	CA	0	11	19	30	16	480	NCCC #1										
KG6ZHC	SHAWN	CA	4	13	11	28	14	392											
NC6P	*DAVE	CA	18	6	0	24	15	360											
W6ZZZ	MARK	CA	6	8	4	18	11	198	NCCC #1										

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