

Results: North American Sprint, RTTY — March 2013

The 25th North American RTTY Sprint provided good conditions for the 188 participants recorded in the 97 logs we received. There were 51 multipliers in those logs — only the second time that number has been reached. Mike, K5NZ, and Ken, N6RO, captured the most multipliers with 43 each.

While activity was up compared to last October, greater participation will make the contest more fun and challenging for everyone (see Figure 1). March activity is nearly double that of October activity, and even the peaks of 200 participants are not enough. Probably 300 or more participants are needed to avoid the slower rates toward the end.

Once again Mark (aka “Mork”), K6UFO, took QRP honors with 6000 points, likely a record. He was 12th overall and 8th in total multipliers with 40.

Two of the Top 10 finishers were low power — Jay, W1UJ, and Rusty, W6OAT. Three of the Top 10 were SO1R — Ed, WØYK; Mark, K5AM, and Rusty, W6OAT. It is wonderful to see Rusty having so much fun in the RTTY Sprint after helping create the original NA Sprint, which was initially a CW-only event.

Dean, NØXR, and Bud, AA3B, were close for the two top spots, but Dean prevailed due to more mults, although Bud had nine more contacts. For third and fourth place, there was an even closer race between Ken, N6RO, and Dave, K6LL. These two are often found leapfrogging each other in CW, SSB and RTTY contests. This time Ken barely squeaked by Dave by only 15 points! As with the first two places, Ken came out on top due to two more mults than Dave, who had nine more contacts.

Golden logs are rare in any contest and more so in the Sprint. Nonetheless, George, K3GP, and Ray, ND8L, managed error-free logs with more than 100 contacts. Scott, K7ZO, was close behind at 98 contacts. In all, there were 12 golden logs.

The team competition was the closest in memory, with essentially a single contact separating the top two teams, NCCC #1 and SWACC. Three of the top four finishers were on SWACC, but NCCC #1's members scored a marginally higher average score across their 10 teammates. Thanks to all seven registered teams.

Operating

Requesting and reviewing your log check report (LCR) will help you understand

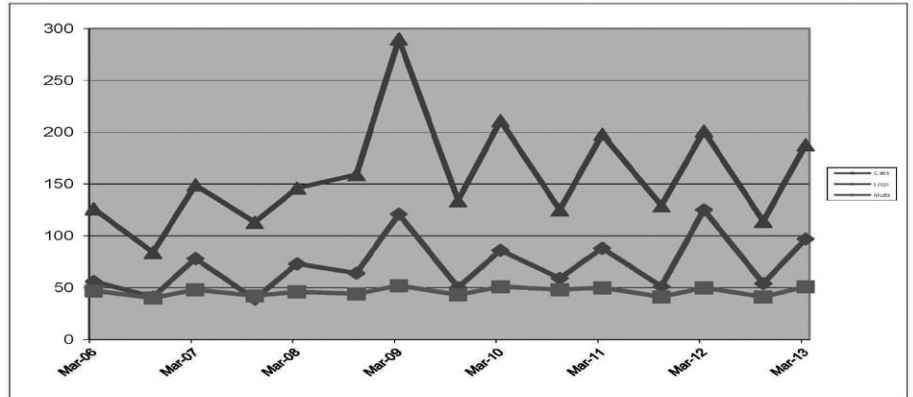


Figure 1 — RTTY Sprint participation over the years.

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
NØXR	8820	129	9	60	55	43	52
AA3B	8760	121	5	58	60	57	44
N6RO	8256	93	13	54	49	44	44
K6LL	8241	56	9	56	60	36	49
K4GMH	7938	117	14	54	48	46	41
WØYK	6981	3	4	47	57	34	41
W7WW	6724	67	12	54	38	34	38
K5AM	6396	6	14	53	29	41	39
W1UJ	6320	88	16	44	41	45	28
W6OAT	6240	2	5	42	30	45	39

Top One Radio

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
WØYK	6981	3	4	47	57	34	41
K5AM	6396	6	14	53	29	41	39
W6OAT	6240	2	5	42	30	45	39
W6SX	6240	7	11	39	47	34	36
K6UFO	6000	2	6	43	37	38	32
K5NZ	5977	4	7	53	45	39	2
W1SRD	5904	8	10	38	38	37	31
K6MM	5889	3	12	41	33	38	39
K9YC	5850	2	8	39	32	46	32
NW2K	5760	6	2	40	40	29	35

Top 10 QSOs

AA3B	219
NØXR	210
K6LL	201
N6RO	192
K4GMH	189
WØYK	179
K5AM	164
W7WW	164
W1UJ	158
WØBR	157

Top 10 Multipliers

K5NZ	43
N6RO	43
K4GMH	42
NØXR	42
K6LL	41
W1SRD	41
W7WW	41
AA3B	40
K6UFO	40
NW2K	40

Top 10 Low Power

W1UJ	6320
W6OAT	6240
NW2K	5760
N3QE	5694
WØBR	5652
WW3S	5130
AA5AU	4953
K1GU	4680
WØCO	4257
W4OX	4070

Top QRP

K6UFO	6000
KU7Y	320

Top 10 Golden Logs

K3GP	110
ND8L	103
K7ZO	98
AG2AA	54
N6XI	40
VE3JI	36
KU7Y	20
WU9D	17
W4GKM	10
K3WYC	8

Top 10 Band Changes

NØXR	129
AA3B	121
K4GMH	117
N6RO	93
WØBR	89
W1UJ	88
WW3S	78
W7WW	67
AA5AU	58
K6LL	56

where you can improve accuracy and operating skill. Call sign and exchange errors simply lose credit for the contact, but not appearing in the log of the other station (NIL) costs contact credit plus one additional contact. If the lost QSO was a mult, that further reduces your score. On the other hand, slowing down too much to avoid mistakes also may reduce your score. LCRs are available by request to ed@w0yk.com.

October 2013 Sprint

The next semi-annual RTTY Sprint is October 13, 2013, so mark your calendar!

SOAPBOX

Had a wedding that night but got home in time to make about 20 Qs on 40 and 80. — *KØAD* [Can you believe these excuses? — *Ed*]

Shakedown for new computer and USB keyer. — *KØYQ*

I enjoy RTTY and Sprinting, but how embarrassing for me to not even make 100 contacts! The A Index was 36 at the start, and those stations I could hear all sounded QRP, so I must have sounded really weak. People left 20 early, probably a good idea, since 40 went long quite early, leaving 20 dead, 40 long and only 80 for some domestic activity. On 80 I could hear more stations than could hear me, but I tried and tried. It seemed like many stations quit early, and

the last half-hour was quite empty. Lots of Cuban stations operating — thanks! Hardly anybody in California on, just N6RO, W6SX and me. — *K6UFO*

N2BJ really did give me #1. I saw him give out #1 to a couple other QSOs as well. So at least at the start of the contest he had something wrong with his send sequence. — *K7ZO*

Good contest, but not good conditions. — *KDØS*

Wow, only 12 contacts. Twenty meters was a bear here. — *N5SMQ*

My first NA RTTY Sprint. Wish the bands weren't dead. — *W4SDJ*

This contest needs lots more activity. Way too much dead air, and too many unanswered CQs. — *W19W1*

Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Team	Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Team	
W1UJ	*JAY	MA	49	73	36	158	40	6320		K6ST	*BARRY	CA	2	4	0	6	6	36	NCCC #2	
K6ND	WILL	MA	42	53	23	118	35	4130		K6LL	DAVE	AZ	75	84	42	201	41	8241	SWACC	
N1EN	*MIKE	CT	24	46	31	101	32	3232		W7WW	RED	AZ	67	72	25	164	41	6724	SWACC	
NW2K	*DEAN	NY	43	62	39	144	40	5760	NCC/MRRC Team#1	W7CT	JIM	UT	36	69	30	135	36	4860	AOCC Jailbreakers	
N2KI	ANTHONY	NY	41	49	30	121	36	4356		WD7K	DAVE	WA	58	46	12	116	33	3828		
NP3D	ANDY	NY	27	42	17	86	34	2924		WT6P	*MARK	AZ	37	36	27	100	36	3600	AOCC Jailbreakers	
W2GR	MIKE	NY	24	42	0	66	28	1848	SWACC	N3RC	ROGER	MT	14	57	35	106	33	3498	NCCC #1	
AG2AA	*STEVE	NY	12	27	15	54	29	1566		K7ZO	SCOTT	ID	43	34	21	98	35	3430		
KE2D	*BOB	NJ	0	22	0	22	14	308		WU6W	RICK	NV	22	29	6	57	25	1425		
KA2FHN	*BILL	NY	4	14	0	18	13	234		W7SUR	*SPENCER	UT	17	12	5	34	15	510		
AA3B	BUD	PA	63	94	62	219	40	8760	SWACC	KU7Y	**RON	NV	6	14	0	20	16	320	AOCC Jailbreakers	
N3QE	*TIM	MD	36	59	51	146	39	5694	PVRC	KF7UXC	*ROD	WA	0	10	6	16	8	128		
WØBR	*BOB	PA	36	74	47	157	36	5652	SWACC	K3WYC	*ANDY	AZ	8	0	0	8	6	48		
WW3S	*JIM	PA	43	61	31	135	38	5130	NCC/MRRC Team#1	WG7Y	*BOB	WY	7	0	0	7	6	42		
W3RTY	ROY	PA	32	50	0	82	33	2706	NCC/MRRC Team#1	WR7Q	*BOB	UT	1	2	0	3	5	15		
NF8I	*JAMES	MD	26	30	15	71	30	2130		N7TEW	*GARY	AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AOCC Jailbreakers
WA3AAN	*GRANT	PA	4	6	0	10	9	90		K3GP	*GEO	OH	30	46	34	110	33	3630	NCC/MRRC Team#1	
N3WMC	*BILL	PA	6	0	0	6	5	30		ND8L	*RAY	OH	38	37	28	103	34	3502	NCC/MRRC Team#1	
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	40	90	59	189	42	7938	PVRC	KT8TD	*BRUCE	MI	0	46	2	48	26	1248	NCC/MRRC Team#1	
K4HMB	JOE	NC	44	60	34	138	35	4830		K9XD	DAVE	IL	21	54	31	106	35	3710		
K1GU	*NED	TN	39	52	39	130	36	4680		K9MMS	*GARY	IL	0	56	0	56	28	1568		
K1ZZI	RALPH	GA	16	70	33	119	36	4284		W9ILY	*JOHN	IL	27	21	0	48	24	1152		
W4OX	*DOUG	FL	45	53	12	110	37	4070	SWACC	KD9MS	*CRAIG	IL	26	0	15	41	21	861		
K4FO	*LES	FL	14	55	8	77	33	2541		NX9G	*YANKO	IL	5	23	6	34	25	850		
K4QPL	*JIM	NC	22	26	14	62	29	1798		WU9D	*MICHAEL	IN	1	16	0	17	12	204		
NE4TN	*WALT	TN	18	46	0	64	27	1728		N2BJ	BARRY	IL	16	0	0	16	6	96		
W4IOU	*TIM	GA	4	25	0	30	20	600		NØXR	DEAN	IA	73	91	46	210	42	8820	SWACC	
W4GKM	*NICK	TN	7	3	0	10	8	80	SWACC	NØTA	JOHN	CO	44	55	36	135	35	4725		
K5AM	MARK	NM	70	63	29	164	39	6396	SWACC	WØCO	*BRAD	CO	42	57	30	129	33	4257		
K5NZ	MIKE	TX	66	71	2	139	43	5977	SWACC	KØAD	*AL	MN	30	36	11	77	30	2310		
AA5AU	*DON	LA	49	52	26	127	39	4953		KØYQ	*JOHN	CO	46	12	3	61	25	1525		
N3BUO	DAVE	TX	38	44	31	113	36	4068		WØBH	BOB	KS	13	32	12	57	26	1482		
K5RZA	DEB	TX	50	40	25	115	35	4025		KØTC	*RON	MN	12	19	6	37	18	666		
W5JBO	JOHN	TX	47	37	0	84	31	2604		KØJA	JANICE	MN	0	20	8	28	18	504		
W5EW	*RAY	LZ	19	14	1	34	18	612		KØFBV	VIC	IA	3	1	0	4	5	20		
K6JHU	*JOHN	NM	10	10	1	20	16	320		WIØWA	*LARRY	IA	0	1	0	1	1	1		
N6RO	KEN	CA	64	85	42	192	43	8256	NCCC #1	VE3VSM	*DAVE	VE3	26	52	25	103	33	3399		
WØYK	ED	CA	58	79	42	179	39	6981	NCCC #1	VE6SQ	*VILLY	VE6	25	45	19	89	31	2759		
W6OAT	*RUSTY	CA	72	52	32	156	40	6240	NCCC #1	VE3RCN	*KEVIN	VE3	12	16	14	42	22	924		
W6SX	HANK	CA	55	65	36	156	40	6240	NCCC #1	VE2NMB	*MARTIN	VE2	7	24	8	39	22	858		
K6UFO	**MORK	CA	72	56	22	150	40	6000	NCCC #1	VE3JI	*IAN	VE3	16	20	0	36	21	756		
W1SRD	STEVE	CA	61	50	33	144	41	5904	NCCC #1	VE2EBK	*DANY	VE2	5	27	0	32	18	576		
K6MM	JOHN	CA	68	55	28	151	39	5889	NCCC #1	VE9AA	MIKE	VE1	12	5	10	27	19	513		
K9YC	JIM	CA	61	64	24	150	39	5850	NCCC #1	VE3VID	*DAVID	VE8	0	0	0	0	2	0		
N6HE	*RAY	CA	37	43	9	89	31	2759												
K6NV	*BOB	CA	32	22	20	74	31	2294												
KM6Z	*VLAD	CA	55	8	0	63	30	1890												
NS6T	*TOM	CA	36	18	16	70	25	1750	NCCC #1											
N6QQ	JOHN	CA	54	0	0	54	28	1512												
K6DGW	SKIP	CA	27	18	15	60	23	1380	NCCC #2											
N6XI	RICK	CA	40	0	0	40	23	920												
N6MSY	*PAUL	CA	3	21	12	36	16	576												
WQ6X	*RON	CA	8	14	4	26	13	338												

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