

Results: North American Sprint, RTTY Sprint — March 2018

The 33rd North American RTTY Sprint registered 118 participants from 41 multipliers. The 75 logs received were the most since March 2014, but we need at least twice that number to keep the rate up throughout all 4 hours. Three non-US/VE countries joined in this time: HH2AA, HK3W and IK5UAN. Thanks and welcome!

Thanks to Masa, 4U1WB, for getting on with the DC multiplier, which was new in the 2018 rules. Six other multipliers have been added: KH6, VE9, VO, VY0, VY1, VY2. There will be a special trophy for the first station to work a valid VY0 in the RTTY Sprint.

John, KC4SAW, inadvertently sent his Sprint team name EASTERNTNSPRINTERS, which nobody logged correctly. However, more than half the logs showed

Top 10 QSO Totals

K6LL	155
K6MR	153
N3QE	150
N6RO	145
K5AM	138
N4ZZ	131
W7WW	124
K7SV	120
AB0S	117
NG7M	113

Golden Logs

K1GU	88
NN7SS	54
AF8A	46
WS4V	21
VE3CX	17
KD9IWX	16
VE3RCN	11
VE7KE	5
NF6A	4
AA6OC	2

Top 10 Multipliers

K6LL	38
K6MR	37
K7SV	34
N6RO	34
N3QE	33
K5AM	32
N4ZZ	32
AB0S	31
W7CT	31
K3GP	30

Top 10 Number of Band Changes

N4ZZ	84
K6MR	76
W0BR	70
W7WW	65
N4IQ	60
N6RO	58
K7SV	46
K6LL	44
WW3S	44
K9YC	26

Team Scores

1. SWACC

K6LL	5,890
K5AM	4,416
N4ZZ	4,192
W7WW	3,720
KW7N	700
Total	18,918

3. AOCC Copper Devil P

NG7M	3,390
W7CT	3,255
KF7U	2,324
WA8WZG	1,265
N9NA	722
Total	10,956

2. NCCC Diddlers

K6MR	5,661
N6RO	4,930
W6SX	3,180
NN7SS	918
Total	14,689

4. North Coast Contesters

ND8L	3,150
WW3S	3,120
K3GP	3,030
Total	9,300

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K6LL	5,890	44	3	60	31	40	24
K6MR	5,661	76	3	56	36	42	19
N3QE	4,950	22	7	39	41	47	23
N6RO	4,930	58	7	50	40	37	18
K5AM	4,416	4	5	34	44	32	28
N4ZZ	4,192	84	7	42	32	34	23
K7SV	4,080	46	10	38	36	31	15
W7WW	3,720	65	11	42	33	30	19
AB0S	3,627	7	7	37	33	29	18
NG7M	3,390	3	8	36	30	34	13

Top 10 High Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

Call Sign	Score	Bd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K5AM	4,416	4	5	34	44	32	28
AB0S	3,627	7	7	37	33	29	18
NG7M	3,390	3	8	36	30	34	13
W7CT	3,255	7	2	30	26	32	17
W6SX	3,180	10	9	42	23	34	7
K3MD	2,781	6	13	32	27	28	16
W0YK	2,754	6	2	19	31	35	17
KF7U	2,324	2	17	28	11	23	21
WD0T	2,187	9	5	0	14	51	16
N2WK	1,863	3	12	18	44	19	0

Top 10 Low Power

Call Sign	Score	Bd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K7SV	4,080	46	10	38	36	31	15
ND8L	3,150	4	2	39	31	23	12
WW3S	3,120	44	3	31	30	26	17
K3GP	3,030	4	2	31	28	25	17
W0BR	2,996	70	8	32	34	29	12
W6OAT	2,820	6	4	2	49	25	18
K1GU	2,288	3	0	16	31	21	20
N8FYL	2,268	4	4	18	21	24	18
W3RGA	2,210	17	3	24	32	18	11
N0KQ	2,184	5	6	29	17	27	5

Top 10 Low Power - Max 12 Band Changes

Call Sign	Score	Bd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
ND8L	3,150	4	2	39	31	23	12
K3GP	3,030	4	2	31	28	25	17
W6OAT	2,820	6	4	2	49	25	18
K1GU	2,288	3	0	16	31	21	20
N8FYL	2,268	4	4	18	21	24	18
N0KQ	2,184	5	6	29	17	27	5
AA4DD	2,040	2	3	15	29	27	14
K6LRN	1,875	3	1	17	10	22	26
WQ5L	1,608	2	4	12	20	21	14
W0DB	1,564	2	2	0	18	25	25

Top QRP

Call Sign	Score	Bd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
NN7SS	918	6	0	10	13	12	19
AA6OC	4	1	0	2	0	0	0

5. NCCC Part Time Diddlers

W6OAT, K9YC, N6EE, NF6A	6,055	
6. East TN Sprinters	K1GU, AA4DD, K4EDI, KC4SAW	5,632
7. NCCC Vintners Plus T	W0YK, K6LRN, N6ZFO	5,553
8. NESODAKCONTESTERS	WD0T, W0DB	3,751

a perfect truncation of the name, due to logging software limitations of either 10 or 12 characters in the NAME field, so, we gave credit to those logs.

Dave, K6LL, and Ken, K6MR, nearly tied for first place. Not surprisingly they also led in overall QSOs and multipliers. Eight of the Top 10, all High Power, were SO2R

Larry, K7SV, led the Low Power category, with the next five places very close: Ray, ND8L; Bob, WØBR; George; K3GP; Jamie; WW3S; and Rusty, W6OAT. Many of us RTTY Sprinters may not know that Rusty was one of the creators of the original Sprint decades ago, initially only for CW.

Mark, NN7SS, won QRP, as he often does. It is quite a challenge, especially in this portion of the solar cycle.

Remarkably, there were 10 Golden Logs (no errors), with Ned, K1GU, on top with 88 contacts, and QRPer Mark, NN7SS, with 58.

SWACC once again topped the eight team entries with the NCCC Diddlers taking 2nd place. The new five-station team structure helped get the largest number of teams active in recent memory.

A number of errors occurred due to failure to correct pre-fill information to what was sent over the air. Request your LCR (Log Check Report) and learn what your errors were.

The next RTTY Sprint is September 15, (0000 – 0004 UTC, Sunday March, 16). Hope to work everyone then!

Soapbox

My first attempt at "GREEN KEY MADNESS." 40 dried up short of my QSO goal. — AF8A

74 QSOS in 109 minutes after NIXA ARC meeting. — N7WY

After my troubles with audio settings in NAQP RTTY, a friend offered some suggestions to simplify the setup. Sure enough, they worked, but my struggles with propagation were immense. I could only work the West Coast on 20. [When] I looked out at the tower the antenna was pointing the wrong direction. The mast hadn't slipped, just the control box (Green Heron) was way out of agreement with the antennas. Back to the Sprint with only the first hour wasted. The only things left on 20 were Californians, JAs, and SO2R CQers who aren't even listening. So, I took my 5 watts to 40. Eventually [the high-power ops departed] and people desperate for anyone to call them were willing to listen and work me. Even with the antennas pointing right, my signal was not strong, and I called 10 for every 1 who would answer. Finally it was last hour and the quiet, calm conditions of 80. I only called people over S-9, so I had a reasonable ratio of calling 20 for every 1 who would answer. Luckily time ran out, I had survived another sprint, and I had fixed a rotator problem. — NN7SS (K6UFO)

A newbie to sprinting...very frustrating format at the beginning of the contest but became more interesting and fun as we went along. I will return for more Sprints in the future! — WS4V

Single-Operator Scores

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Bd Chg
N2WK	WAYNE	NY	22	36	23	81	23	1,863	3
NJ1F	*BRIAN	NY	0	7	29	36	18	648	1
N3QE	TIM	MD	25	70	55	150	33	4,950	22
WW3S	*JIM	PA	22	50	32	104	30	3,120	44
WØBR	*BOB	PA	22	51	34	107	28	2,996	70
K3MD	JOHN	PA	20	46	37	103	27	2,781	6
W3RGA	*PAT	PA	16	37	32	85	26	2,210	17
K3FH	*MIKE	PA	0	16	16	32	16	512	7
AJ3DI	*JIM	PA	0	17	9	26	15	390	5
4U1WB	*MASA	DC	13	9	0	22	15	330	1
N4ZZ	DON	TN	34	61	36	131	32	4,192	84
K7SV	*LAR	VA	27	56	37	120	34	4,080	46
N4IQ	BILL	SC	17	52	40	109	30	3,270	60
KB1RI	ERIC	NC	6	52	40	98	29	2,842	21
K1GU	*NED	TN	20	35	33	88	26	2,288	3
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	20	35	30	85	24	2,040	2
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	0	0	56	56	27	1,512	0
K4EDI	*BEN	TN	0	29	19	48	23	1,104	2
KC3EF	*RICHARD	FL	5	33	8	46	22	1,012	3
WS4V	*TIM	GA	0	10	11	21	15	315	13
KC4SAW	*EASTTNS	TN	9	11	0	20	10	200	2
KQ4KX	*RICHARD	FL	0	8	5	13	8	104	1
K5AM	MARK	NM	34	53	51	138	32	4,416	4
WQ5L	*RAY	MS	12	37	18	67	24	1,608	2
AA5AU	*DON	LA	10	28	15	53	22	1,166	24
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	10	36	9	55	19	1,045	7
N3XKB	*BOB	NM	0	19	0	19	12	228	1
K6MR	KEN	CA	26	76	51	152	37	5,661	76
N6RO	KEN	CA	35	67	43	145	34	4,930	58
W6SX	HANK	CA	15	54	37	106	30	3,180	10
W6OAT	*RUSTY	CA	14	50	30	94	30	2,820	6
WØYK	ED	CA	3	58	41	102	27	2,754	6
K9YC	JIM	CA	6	47	24	77	28	2,156	26
K6LRN	*DICK	CA	21	30	24	75	25	1,875	3
K6NV	BOB	CA	3	39	15	57	24	1,368	4
N6EE	RON	CA	15	25	11	51	21	1,071	4
N6ZFO	BILL	CA	0	21	23	44	21	924	1
NE6I	DENNIS	CA	2	31	0	33	16	528	1
NF6A	HOMER	CA	4	0	0	4	2	8	0
AA6OC	**BOB	CA	1	1	0	2	2	4	1
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	39	71	45	155	38	5,890	44
W7WW	DAVE	AZ	26	62	36	124	30	3,720	65
NG7M	MAX	UT	11	54	48	113	30	3,390	3
W7CT	JIM	UT	7	60	38	105	31	3,255	7
KF7U	CHUCK	AZ	18	35	30	83	28	2,324	2
WA8WZG	*TOM	AZ	3	38	14	55	23	1,265	4
NN7SS	**BURT	WA	12	23	19	54	17	918	6
NG7Z	*PAUL	AZ	8	25	10	43	18	774	2
N9NA	JOHN	AZ	4	21	13	38	19	722	2
KW7N	*STEVE	WA	3	26	21	50	14	700	6
ND8L	*RAY	OH	19	39	47	105	30	3,150	4
K3GP	*GEO	OH	8	42	51	101	30	3,030	4
N8FYL	*JOHN	MI	18	34	29	81	28	2,268	4
AF8A	*GARY	OH	0	46	0	46	26	1,196	0
KD9IWX	*BEN	IL	0	0	16	16	12	192	0
KC9PCP	*LINAS	IL	3	1	8	12	9	108	2
ABØS	TIM	KS	15	49	53	117	31	3,627	7
WDØT	TODD	SD	0	31	50	81	27	2,187	9
NØKQ	*BILL	CO	17	36	25	78	28	2,184	5
N7WY	BOB	MO	0	36	33	69	24	1,656	1
WØDB	*JOE	NE	12	33	23	68	23	1,564	2
KØYR	*TOM	MN	17	12	15	44	21	924	14
KØVG	VERN	MN	8	15	2	25	12	300	2
ACØE	*JIM	KS	0	16	2	18	11	198	2
VE3JI	*IAN	ON	9	21	21	51	18	918	4
VA3TTB	*CHARLES	ON	0	14	14	28	16	448	1
VE3CX	TOM	ON	0	11	6	17	11	187	3
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	ON	0	7	4	11	8	88	5
VE7KE	*MERV	BC	0	5	0	5	2	10	0
HK3W	*SISO	HK	17	5	1	23	14	322	3
HH2AA	*ALAN	HH	3	15	2	20	11	220	2
IK5UAN	ROB	I	0	11	0	11	7	77	0