

Results: North American Sprint — RTTY — March 2022

The 45th North American RTTY Sprint produced 4,429 QSOs, down from 9,378 in March 2021, but up from the 3,773 in September 2021. The March 2021 spike in activity was coincident with a pre-Sprint individual mailing that encouraged active RTTY contesters to participate (see Figure 1). There were 101 participants who made at least two contacts from 42 multipliers. N4ZZ snagged 37 of them, while K6LL, N0XR, W0YK, and WD6T got 36.

Figure 2 shows the activity per band throughout the 4-hour contest and follows the typical March Sprint pattern with the 1-hour earlier start time that makes 20 meters more productive for everyone. Activity on 20 meters was 30 minutes shorter than in March, when the start time was shifted up by 1 hour.

The Top 10 stations were skewed west, with only N4ZZ on the East Coast. The March 2021 RTTY Sprint was more evenly distributed east to west but this may have been due to which stations participated.

Dean, N0XR, led from the beginning to the end, although his lead shrank as others worked out the rather low number of participants. Dean's score also reflects a relatively low error rate. Dave, WD6T, had two more QSOs than Dean in the 3d hour, and Ed, W0YK, had 10 more in the 4th hour to capture second and third places, respectively.

Once again Ray, WQ5L, was barely squeezed out of the top spot in Low Power, this time by Bob, W0AAE, who also made it into the overall Top 10 with the nine High Power entrants. Bob, W7YAQ, was the sole QRP entry.

In team competition, SWACC #1 repeated its victory over NCCC #1, which fielded a full five-station team this time.

Golden Log honors went to 13 stations this time, led by Dave, K6LL, with 140 perfect contacts, and Ray,

Top 10 High Power

Call Sign	Score	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K6LL	5,040	45	43	22	30
N0TA	4,092	47	29	27	21
K5AM	4,060	45	22	16	33
K2PO	3,844	36	39	23	26
WK6I	3,720	39	30	21	30
AJ6V	3,565	38	28	20	29
AA9L	2,407	16	27	21	19
KC9TZO	2,400	32	25	10	8
ND8L	2,387	17	36	14	10
WT0DX	1,782	2	7	23	34

Top 10 Low Power

Call Sign	Score	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
W0AAE	3,920	41	26	25	20
WQ5L	3,875	41	36	28	20
K16DY	3,472	42	23	30	17
K4IU	3,038	22	29	28	19
AA4DD	2,632	25	29	15	25
VE2BVV	2,520	23	26	18	23
N7WY	2,212	30	37	12	0
VE3FH	1,512	17	16	15	8
N5JGE	1,416	12	12	19	16
VY2LI	1,250	8	18	12	12

Top 10 QRP

Call Sign	Score	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
W7YAQ	714	0	0	26	8

Top 10 QSOs

N0XR	154
WD6T	149
W0YK	143
K6LL	140
K9OM	136
W6SX	127
WD0T	126
WQ5L	125
K2PO	124
N0TA	124

Golden Logs

K6LL	140
WQ5L	125
K3MM	58
W6IA	53
VY2LI	50
W7YAQ	34
AC0E	19
VA7ZM	16
KG7VIZ	14
K0VG	6
WB7NAM	6
KA2AEY	5
KN5S	1

Top 10 Multipliers

N4ZZ	37
K6LL	36
N0XR	36
W0YK	36
WD6T	36
K5AM	35
W0AAE	35
K9OM	34
N9LQ	34
N0TA	33

Team Scores

1. SWACC #1	2. NCCC #1	3. SWACC #2	4. SM Rockets	5. NCCC #2
N0XR 5,544	WD6T 5,364	WD0T 3,906	AA9L 2,407	NW2P 120
K6LL 5,040	W0YK 5,148	WQ5L 3,875	KC9TZO 2,400	N3RC 63
K9OM 4,624	W6SX 3,810	K2PO 3,844	KG7VIZ 168	Total 183
N4ZZ 4,588	WK6I 3,720	K3MM 1,566	Total 4,975	
K5AM 4,060	AJ6V 3,565	Total 13,191		
Total 23,856	Total 21,607			

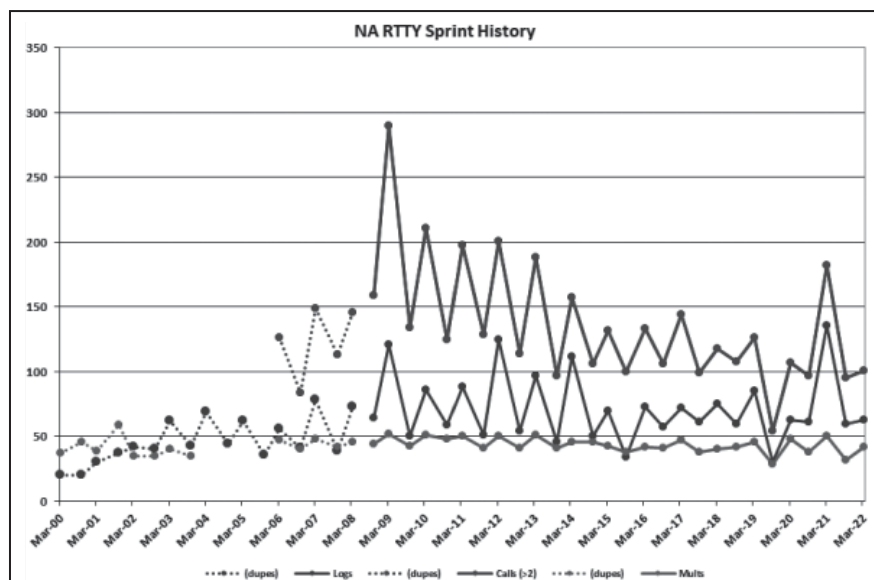


Figure 1 — North American RTTY Sprint history.

WQ5L, with 125. Excellent job in the challenging sprint format!

Your LCR (Log Check Report) is a valuable analysis of your log accuracy which can lead to future improvement. Request yours from ed@w0yk.com. The next RTTY Sprint begins at 0000 UTC on Sunday, September 18, 2022. This is Saturday evening in North America.

Soapbox

Seems like the same number of repeat offenders in this Sprint. Worked many stations on all three bands 80/40/20. Need to get more folks into this contest. As I work the Sprint format, I get more used to the groove of it. — *K8LF*

Thanks to my new, good friend K2DM for the use of his excellent station here in Central Florida. Great to hear all the usual suspects...but there were a few dry spells as usual. Tense moments pre-contest with the refurbished K3 and DigiKeyer and a new laptop, but got it all working together more or less 10 minutes before the first CQ. — *ND8L*

I started setting up about an hour before the start, so I thought. Twenty was hopping with RTTY signals, which is very unusual outside a contest. *Ooops!* The Sprint started 10 minutes earlier. — *W0YK*

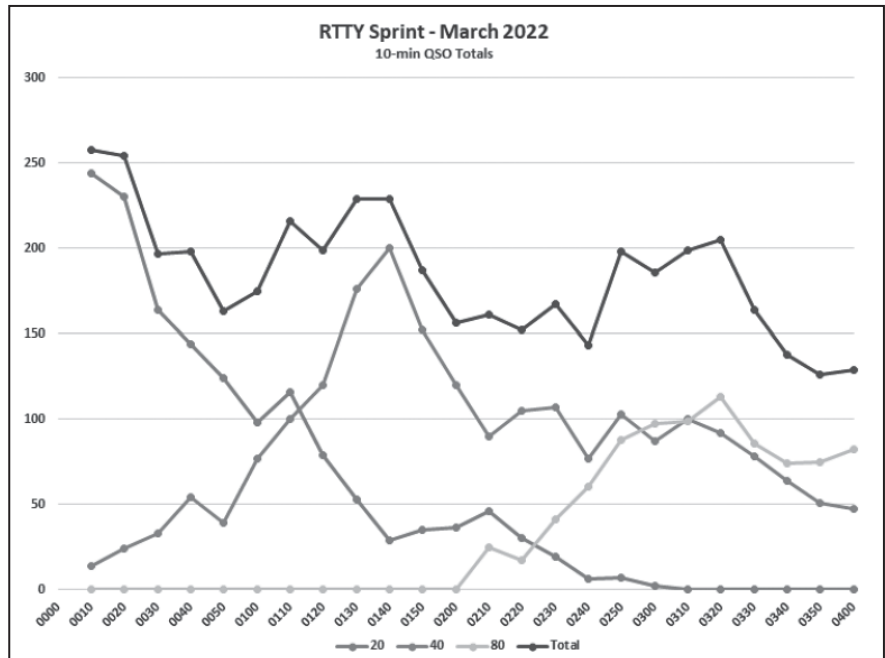


Figure 2 — 10-minute QSO totals.

Apologies to the first couple of contacts. I rushed to get on the air and forgot to change my QTH from old log. Sent CA when I was remote to NY. — *NW2P*

The first 2 hours were spent trying to configure *MMTTY* and *FLDIGI*. — *WB7NAM*

This is another ad hoc RTTY Sprint from W7AYT's QTH in Concord. Being

busy in the South American SA-10 contest, I chose one extra hour+ on 10 meters, making the first RTTY Sprint QSO at 0045 Z. Unfortunately, 20 meters was a poor producer (probably due to one of the various solar storms). Forty meters had good activity.

The big disappointment was 80. Where were the stations? — *WQ6X*

Single Operator Scores

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score
W1UJ	*JAY	MA	11	25	16	52	24	1,248	W1SRD	STEVE	CA	30	24	2	56	26	1,456
AF1R	*LEANDRA	MA	17	18	14	49	22	1,078	W6IA	MARK	CA	30	17	6	53	22	1,166
KC1RLS	*BOB	NH	0	23	0	23	17	391	WQ6X	*RON	CA	18	17	3	38	19	722
WO2Y	*RICH	NJ	12	17	0	29	19	551	K6NV	BOB	CA	9	18	0	27	15	405
NW2P	RON	NY	5	7	0	12	10	120	N3RC	*ROGER	CA	-1	10	0	9	7	63
KA2AEY	*JOE	NY	5	0	0	5	4	20	K6LL	DAVE	AZ	54	62	24	140	36	5,040
N3QE	TIM	MD	39	49	31	119	32	3,808	K2PO	BILL	OR	46	47	31	124	31	3,844
WW3S	JIM	PA	38	54	27	119	32	3,808	W7YAQ	**BOB	OR	2	28	4	34	21	714
K3MM	TY	MD	0	34	24	58	27	1,566	KG7VIZ	*SCOTT	WA	14	0	0	14	12	168
AJ3M	*MASA	MD	12	32	0	44	26	1,144	WB7NAM	*DAN	OR	1	5	0	6	3	18
K3FH	MIKE	PA	0	9	0	9	8	72	KI6DY	*BOB	OH	27	52	33	112	31	3,472
K9OM	DICK	FL	56	49	31	136	34	4,624	N9LQ	JOEL	IL	33	52	31	116	34	3,944
N4ZZ	DON	TN	35	62	27	124	37	4,588	AA9L	RICH	WI	16	39	28	83	29	2,407
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	28	39	27	94	28	2,632	KC9TZO	JIM	WI	18	57	0	75	32	2,400
ND8L	RAY	FL	24	44	9	77	31	2,387	WT2P	CJ	IL	17	29	16	62	26	1,612
K8LF	JEROME	VA	14	20	23	57	23	1,311	N0XR	DEAN	IA	52	66	36	154	36	5,544
W4NNF	ROD	AL	18	16	0	34	19	646	N0TA	JOHN	CO	37	52	35	124	33	4,092
NS4X	*BART	TN	10	21	0	31	17	527	W0AAE	*BOB	MN	27	59	26	112	35	3,920
W4SDX	*MATTHEW	TN	11	18	0	29	17	493	WD0T	TODD	SD	40	54	32	126	31	3,906
N4JOW	*JOE	VA	0	10	12	22	17	374	K4IU	*FRED	MN	30	40	28	98	31	3,038
KI4WVW	*JON	TN	7	16	0	23	13	299	N7WY	*BOB	MO	33	37	9	79	28	2,212
K5AM	MARK	NM	35	57	24	116	35	4,060	WT0DX	BILL	CO	11	40	15	66	27	1,782
WQ5L	*RAY	MS	52	51	22	125	31	3,875	N0KQ	*BILL	CO	24	22	2	48	22	1,056
N5JGE	*JAMES	TX	26	24	9	59	24	1,416	K0XU	JIM	NE	20	12	1	33	18	594
KN5S	*ERIK	TX	1	0	0	1	1	1	AC0E	JIM	KS	0	19	0	19	15	285
WD6T	DAVE	CA	59	62	28	149	36	5,364	K0VG	*VERN	MN	0	2	4	6	5	30
W0YK	ED	CA	56	56	31	143	36	5,148	VE2BVV	*LEON	QC	25	43	22	90	28	2,520
W6SX	HANK	CA	41	54	32	127	30	3,810	VE3FH	*JULIO	ON	20	36	0	56	27	1,512
WK6I	JEFF	CA	46	42	32	120	31	3,720	VY2LI	*BILL	PE	13	37	0	50	25	1,250
AJ6V	ED	CA	50	48	17	115	31	3,565	VA2SIB	*SEB	QC	8	33	2	43	22	946
									VA7ZM	*LEO	BC	16	0	0	16	8	128
									VE6EX	*DAN	AB	1	11	0	12	9	108