

Results: North American Sprint RTTY — September 2017

The 32nd North American RTTY Sprint attracted more than 100 participants from 38 multipliers. More activity would have been welcomed by those who did participate. All bands had long propagation, and some reported weak signals at times.

The Top 3 nearly tied: Bud, AA3B; Tim, N3QE, and Ken, K6MR. Ken had the highest QSO count in the contest, but the two East Coast stations worked more multipliers. Even the next two scores were very close behind: Mark, K5AM, and Mike, K4GMH. Nine of the Top 10 were SO2R, with Mark, K5AM, making only two band changes with his one radio.

Todd, WDØT, led the Low Power entries. Mark, K6UFO, once again activated HH2AA remotely but found very weak signals and struggled to work everyone.

Don, K6GHA, topped the three QRP entries.

Tim, N3QE, had the second-highest contact total and topped the Golden Logs list — a most impressive result. It is very challenging to achieve perfect accuracy in the Sprint format, and to do so with 142 QSOs is exceptional.

SWACC once again topped the five team entries, with NCCC 1 taking 2nd place. The new five-station team structure continues to work well.

There were an unusually high number of busted names and QTHs, likely due to faulty pre-fill data. Be extra careful about matching any pre-fill data with what is actually sent by the station you're working. Then correct your prefill, if it is different than what you copied. In contrast, there were far fewer call sign and serial number errors.

The next RTTY Sprint is Sunday, March 11, 0000-0004 UTC (this is Saturday, March 10, in US time zones). Hope to work everyone then!

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
AA3B	4,554	81	4	46	47	33	12
N3QE	4,544	36	0	41	47	36	18
K6MR	4,495	76	3	53	33	42	17
K5AM	4,290	2	3	45	36	27	22
K4GMH	4,288	76	6	39	42	37	16
N4ZZ	4,050	63	5	43	37	41	14
WDØT	3,973	20	2	55	34	33	15
NA6O	3,422	42	4	39	34	28	17
NO3M	3,416	55	6	49	22	38	13
K7SV	3,335	50	10	39	37	30	9

Top 10 High Power - Max 12 Band Changes

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K5AM	4,290	2	3	45	36	27	22
K9OM	2,990	4	2	32	37	35	11
W6SX	2,678	6	5	36	41	19	7
K5ZD	2,575	7	2	32	41	16	14
K6LRN	2,225	4	5	27	24	25	13
CG3KI	1,680	2	4	24	31	23	2
NØAT	987	4	3	0	4	43	0
WH7W	408	1	6	14	9	0	1
KØBX	384	1	1	0	24	0	0
N9NA	253	2	11	3	13	2	5

Top 10 Low Power - Max 12 Band Changes

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
WQ5L	2,725	9	1	32	37	27	13
ND8L	2,300	2	2	34	40	12	14
KØYR	2,256	5	5	28	24	28	14
AA4DD	1,920	3	0	17	25	23	15
N8FYL	1,704	3	4	10	26	27	8
K5MXG	1,584	6	9	34	32	0	0
HH2AA	1,323	6	8	14	7	23	19
NG7Z	1,220	2	6	21	25	1	14
K1GU	980	3	1	1	29	19	0
KØXU	960	2	4	19	16	9	4

Top 10 QSO Totals

K6MR	145
N3QE	142
AA3B	138
WDØT	137
N4ZZ	135
K4GMH	134
K5AM	130
NO3M	122
NA6O	118
K7SV	115

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Top 10 Golden Logs

N3QE	142
AA4DD	80
W3RGA	79
AA5AU	40
VE3SST	33
K3FH	16
K1SX	13
KH6BE	13
N6EE	13
N6ZFO	11

Top 10 Multipliers

AA3B	33
K5AM	33
K4GMH	32
N3QE	32
K6MR	31
N4ZZ	30
K7SV	29
NA6O	29
WDØT	29
NO3M	28

Top QRP

K6GHA	1,040
K1SX	130
KH6BE	130

Top 10 Band Changes

AA3B	81
K4GMH	76
K6MR	76
N4ZZ	63
N4IQ	57
NO3M	55
K7SV	50
NA6O	42
N3QE	36
K5NZ	25

Soapbox

Oh my, that was tough. First, I got home late, and it took a long time to get connected and the remote station working. FSK wasn't working (hurricane damage?), so I scrambled to get AFSK working — not so easy when 3,400 miles away. I finally got AFSK working, but I had to operate without any monitor feedback, so I don't know how bad my audio was. Internet into the Caribbean was slow and unreliable, and at 0056 it dropped entirely (sorry K6LRN). Got back on at 0150 and reconfigured it all again. Then, I slow marched along for the rest of the contest. Signals were much weaker than I recalled from March, and the noise level was very high on all bands. I was relieved to make the number 70 before the end. — *HH2AA (K6UFO)*

Conditions were good until 80. Then it seemed easier to work West Coast than the locals. Contest would be even more fun with a bit more activity. — *K5ZD*
 Could only get on for the last 40 minutes, but had a lot of fun while it lasted. — *VE3KTB*

Slow and slower... need more stations! Twenty was good, but long, 40 excellent, 80 was very noisy. — *WDØT*

Team Scores

1. SWACC

AA3B 4,554
 K5AM 4,290
 N4ZZ 4,050
 K9OM 2,990
 W7WW 1,650
Total 17,534

2. NCCC #1

K6MR 4,495
 NA6O 3,422
 W6SX 2,678
 HH2AA 1,323
 N3RC 306
Total 12,224

3. NCCC #2

K6LRN 2,225
 K9YC 1,863
 N6EE 130
Total 4,218

4. Hurricane Harvey Sur

K5NZ 1,968
 K5MXG 1,584
Total 3,552

5. Arizona Outlaws CC

NG7Z 1,220
 N9NA 253
Total 1,473

Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Bnd Chgs
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	36	42	25	103	25	2,575	7
K1SX	**DAVE	MA	5	6	2	13	10	130	2
KA2FHN	*BILL	NY	14	15	8	37	19	703	4
KC2WUF	*DAVID	NJ	7	15	7	29	16	464	7
N6EE	RON	NY	0	9	4	13	10	130	1
W2VTV	*JOHN	NJ	0	13	0	13	9	117	0
KD2DVW	*FRED	NJ	0	3	0	3	2	6	0
AA3B	BUD	PA	43	61	34	138	33	4,554	81
N3QE	TIM	MD	47	52	43	142	32	4,544	36
NO3M	*TY	PA	39	50	33	122	28	3,416	55
W3RGA	*PAT	PA	24	30	25	79	19	1,501	18
K3FH	*MIKE	PA	0	3	13	16	10	160	4
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	41	55	38	134	32	4,288	76
N4ZZ	DON	TN	34	62	39	135	30	4,050	63
K7SV	*LAR	VA	34	47	34	115	29	3,335	50
N4IQ	BILL	SC	29	47	27	102	27	2,754	57
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	17	36	27	80	24	1,920	3
K1GU	*NED	TN	2	30	17	49	20	980	3
K4LPQ	*LEO	TN	8	21	10	39	20	780	4
KSØCW	*KEVIN	VA	8	16	0	24	16	384	1
N1IA	*BARRY	NC	8	1	0	9	9	81	1
WUØB	*HANS	SC	0	5	0	5	4	20	0
K5AM	MARK	NM	46	53	31	130	33	4,290	2
WQ5L	*RAY	MS	36	46	27	109	25	2,725	9
K5NZ	*HARVEY	TX	44	33	5	82	24	1,968	25
K5MXG	*HARVEY	TX	27	37	2	66	24	1,584	6
AA5AU	*DON	LA	20	18	2	40	17	680	5
K6MR	KEN	CA	48	60	37	145	31	4,495	76
NA6O	GARY	CA	40	53	25	118	29	3,422	42
W6SX	HANK	CA	36	45	22	103	26	2,678	6
K6LRN	DICK	CA	33	37	19	89	25	2,225	4
K9YC	JIM	CA	27	33	21	81	23	1,863	23
K6GHA	**DON	CA	23	17	12	52	20	1,040	2
NØKQ	*BILL	CA	16	23	4	43	22	946	5
KA6WKE	*MARK	CA	18	26	4	48	18	864	2
KE6GLA	*JAY	CA	20	18	0	38	20	760	1
N3RC	*ROGER	CA	14	4	0	18	17	306	2
N6ZFO	*BILL	CA	11	0	0	11	10	110	0
W7WW	DAVE	AZ	34	32	0	66	25	1,650	19
NG7Z	*PAUL	AZ	19	28	14	61	20	1,220	2
N9NA	JOHN	AZ	16	5	2	23	11	253	2
ND8L	*RAY	OH	34	42	24	100	23	2,300	2
N8FYL	*JOHN	MI	14	38	19	71	24	1,704	3
K9OM	DICK	WI	36	40	39	115	26	2,990	4
KB9S	*MARK	WI	6	0	0	6	5	30	0
WDØT	*TODD	SD	49	54	34	137	29	3,973	20
KØYR	*TOM	MN	33	36	25	94	24	2,256	5
NØAT	RON	MN	6	25	16	47	21	987	4
KØXU	*JIM	NE	17	22	9	48	20	960	2
ACØE	*JIM	KS	1	32	0	33	19	627	2
ABØS	*TIM	KS	7	19	5	31	15	465	4
KØBX	JOE	MO	6	18	0	24	16	384	1
KØVG	*VERN	MN	4	15	13	32	12	384	2
VE3CX	TOM	ON	16	35	19	70	25	1,750	20
CG3KI	RICH	ON	24	36	20	80	21	1,680	2
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	ON	12	16	11	39	15	585	6
VE3SST	*NEIL	ON	17	7	9	33	13	429	2
VE3KTB	PIERRE	ON	0	9	1	10	5	50	1
HH2AA	*PRINCE	HH	14	35	14	63	21	1,323	6
WH7W	MARK	KH6	23	1	0	24	17	408	1
KH6BE	**BOB	KH6	13	0	0	13	10	130	0

* Low Power

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